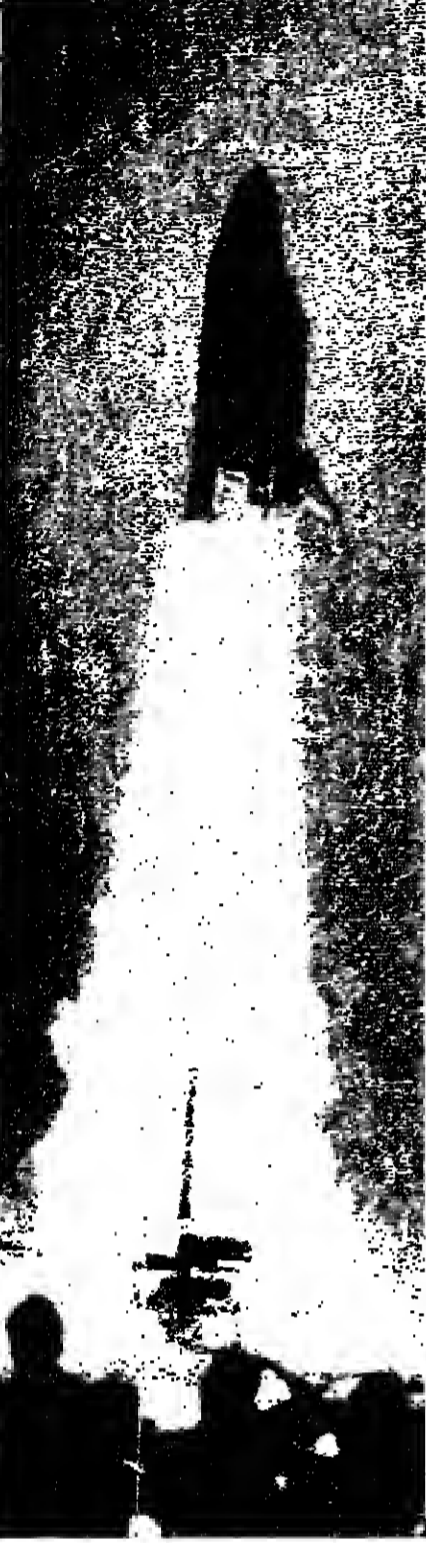


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Columbia blasts off Go in the hand of God, Reagan tells astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, April 12 (R) — President Ronald Reagan told space shuttle astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen moments before their blastoff Sunday, "you go in the hand of God and draw on the courage of life."

The president in a message read to the astronauts by mission director George Page, said: "As you take off from earth in a craft unlike any other ever constructed, you will do so in a feat of American technology."

Reagan quoted poet William Cullen, saying America is the land where mankind throws off its fetters with your exploits you lose one more fetter," the president told astronauts.

Mission commander Young called the president's message: "A mighty fine speech," then he and Crippen took off.

The astronauts rode the fire and thunder of rocketship Columbia into orbit Sunday on their long-delayed, high-drama test of the world's first reusable spaceship. The sub-winged shuttle was soaring more than 160 km above earth.

The spaceship, vaulted swiftly off moon Pad 39A, spewing long plumes of smoke from the solid boosters as it cut across the sky and sped out over the Atlantic Ocean on a northeast heading. Columbia's trial-blazing mission, filled with unknowns because nothing like the shuttle has ever flown before, began in a burst of flame and smoke as the space-ships' three main engines and two solid-fuel rocket boosters flashed to life right on schedule at 1200 GMT.

The boosters parachuted into the Atlantic about 257 km offshore, splashing into the water about 25 km from waiting recovery ships. The will be returned and refurbished to be used on a later shuttle flight. A Russian trawler that had been in the recovery area earlier Sunday was ordered to leave and escorted out by a U.S. coast guard cutter.

A lift-off — originally set for last Friday but pushed back due to last-minute computer problem — brought a roar of applause from thousands of spectators at Kennedy Space Center. "Roger Columbia, on a nice ride," said Dan Bradenstein, the capsule communicator at mission control in Houston. "Columbia given green to continue," at about 4 minutes, said Bradenstein. At that instant, emergency return was impossible and "Columbia now committed to space travel."

"What a feeling, what a view," said Crippen. He and Young were 140 km away from terra firma and five minutes into the flight. The engines, so troublesome in development, the most sophisticated powerplants ever built, performed flawlessly into orbit.

After 12 minutes, Columbia settled into an orbit ranging from about 241 km above the earth, the final thrust provided by two maneuvering engines. Along the way the space craft shed its two rocket boosters and a blimp-like fuel tank buckled to its underbelly.

The launch ended a six-year drought in the U.S. man-in-space program. But this time it is a real spaceship, not a capsule, that's out there; designed for repeated trips into orbit and back, landing back on earth like an airplane.

Young and Crippen were aware of the risks of flying a ship that is manned on its first orbit. But they expressed confidence in the shuttle and said earlier this week they were eager to make the trip — two years delayed due to technical and financial problems.

The spacemen are to circle the globe 36 times in 2 days and six and a half hours, gliding Tuesday to a dramatic landing on a large dry lake bed at Edwards air force base in California's Mojave Desert.

King meets Baker

JEDDAH, April 12 (SPA) — King Khaled received here Sunday the U.S. Senate Majority leader Howard Baker and other senators on the delegation. The meeting was attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan and Special Advisor Dr. Rashad Pharaon. Later on American visitors had dinner with the King.

U.S. officials said the Senators were seeking more information on a proposed arms package for Saudi Arabia discussed with Saudi Arabia last week by Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

The package, would include provision of five AWACS electronic surveillance planes as well as sidewinder air-to-air missiles and additional fuel tanks to improve F-15 to be supplied to the Saudi Arabian Air Force.

They said Saudi Arabian officials voiced the Kingdom's view that the chief danger in the Gulf and the Middle East generally was posed by the lack of a Middle East settlement. This, they said, created unstable conditions which could invite Soviet interference.

Kuwait to establish \$45.5m shipping firm

KUWAIT, April 12 (API) — Kuwait's cabinet decided Sunday to establish a shipping company with a capital of \$45.5 million. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein announced.

He said the state-owned concern would be called the Kuwait National Shipping Company.

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NEW AIRPORT: King Khaled (right) and Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard at the opening ceremony Sunday of the new Haj Terminal and below depicts a scene of the inaugural ceremony.

Muslims' gateway to Makkah opened

New airport is an aviation achievement

By Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, April 12 — King Khaled Sunday inaugurated the first phase of a SR15 billion airport described here as the Islamic world's pilgrims gateway to Makkah and the holy places.

The airport, named after King Abdul Aziz, founder of Saudi Arabia, is linked to Makkah with a six-lane highway to handle about 1.5 million people during a two-week period every year for pilgrimage.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and civil aviation, and more than 1,500 princes, ministers, religious leaders, and officials from foreign and Arab countries.

Seated in armchair under the 10-storey tall fibre-glass tent of the new Haj Terminal, the King listened to recitation from the Koran as well as to speeches and poetry commemorating the opening of the largest and costliest airport in the world.

"It's a proud achievement of modern aviation, technology and civil engineering," said Sheikh Kamel Sindi, the assistant of the defense and civil aviation minister.

In a statement at the ceremony Sheikh Sindi stressed the Kingdom's ability to step into modern living without sacrificing Islamic heritage and culture.

The new airport, 25 kms north of Jeddah, is a spectacular array of modernistic buildings, symbolic of the Kingdom's heritage. The Haj terminal alone is a structure of 210 fibreglass tents decked for the opening ceremony with elaborate floral arrangements, including one in the shape of the national symbol: a palm tree above two crossed swords.

Forecasts for the new airport predict that it will serve 8.6 million passengers in 1985, increasing to 10 million by the year 2000. It covers an area of 105 square kilometers. The airport, almost a self-contained city will replace a much smaller airport in Jeddah and which does not have facilities and capacity to handle the expected growth in traffic of the years to come.

King Abdul Aziz International Airport is one of three new airports being built by International Airports Projects (IAP), a branch of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Defense and Aviation headed by Prince Sultan.

The second new airport, scheduled to open in 1983, will serve Riyadh and surrounding areas. Still in the planning stages, the third airport, serving the Eastern Province, will be located Dhahran on the Arabian Gulf.

Construction of King Abdul Aziz Airport has been an international effort in which 70 local and foreign firms participated. Phase I construction, which began in 1974, includes five air terminals, runways and roadways, an air traffic control tower, and maintenance and support system facilities. Phase II construction, scheduled for completion in the 1980-1990 and will include a Royal Saudi Air Force Base, hospital facilities and an airport administration building.

Probably the most striking feature completed at the new King Abdul Aziz Airport is the Haj Terminal. In fact this structure is unique in physical form and purpose that King Khaled himself has closely followed its construction.

The terminal will be used solely by pilgrims traveling to Makkah.

The influx of pilgrims coming to Jeddah by air is growing dramatically. In 1979, over 500,000 arrived by air. That number is expected to grow to one million by 1985 and 1.6 million by 2000. On peak days during the Haj, as many as 50,000 pilgrims from all over the world will be accommodated in the Haj Terminal.

Two kinds of space have been designed for this unique air terminal. One is the series of enclosed, air-conditioned terminal buildings that will be used for passport control, customs, baggage handling and other processing. The second is the much larger "support" area, covered by the large fabric roof, that will shelter the pilgrims.

The total complex will be a masterpiece of architecture and engineering. At night, spotlights attached to the pylons will shine directly on the Haj Terminal fabric roof, creating a moonlit effect underneath. From above, arriving travelers will see the breathtaking view of 370 acres of fabric radiating a soft, golden glow.

With the copper-clad roof and exterior walls of white Greek marble, the Royal pavilion terminal is another site to see at the new airport. Completely self-contained terminal facility for the exclusive use of government officials and their guests, extensive landscaping provided within the terminal's perimeter creates a green, oasis-like environment, accentuated with reflecting pools.

Aircraft will park at the edge of the parade ground, located immediately east of the building, and discharge passengers by stairway. Visiting dignitaries will be conducted

through a prescribed sequences of activities, including honor guard review and hand, and introduction to officials in a reception line. Guests and attendees will enter the building directly into the reception hall.

The main reception hall is designed to accommodate up to 300 persons with seating for 100 people. A press room with full television and radio coverage facilities as well as seating for some 100 news representatives will be the locale for major news conferences. A press backup room has writing desks, telephones and typewriters for 50 persons.

The Saudi Terminal's curved roof, consisting of seven sections of cast-in-place concrete, provides yet another architecturally spectacular structure to the new airport. To be used by Saudia, the national flag carrier of Saudi Arabia, for domestic as well as international passengers, the Saudi Terminal is expected to serve up to 8.6 million passengers annually by 1985.

1985 Air Traffic Forecast

Annual Passenger Enplanements	
• Scheduled Foreign Carriers	1,750,000
• Scheduled, Saudia	2,505,000
Peak Hour Passenger Enplanements	
• Scheduled Foreign Carriers	1,050
• Scheduled, Saudia	950
Haj Period	
• Annual enplanements	1,170,000
• Peak hour enplanements	5,500
• Cargo (in tons)	101,000

Phase I construction work began in 1974. Besides the runways, aprons and roadways, the work included:

- Two commercial airline terminals
- Haj Terminal — Phase I
- A Royal Pavilion for use by the King
- L-1001 maintenance/overhaul hangar
- Air cargo terminal
- Food service building
- Construction support facilities
- Air Traffic Control Tower and Navigational aids
- Communications systems
- Airline operations buildings
- Desalination plant
- Waste water treatment plant

Phase II construction, scheduled to be completed in the 1980-1990 period, will include:

- Royal Saudi Air Force Base
- Haj Terminal and support complex — Phase II
- Saudia Maintenance and Overhaul Base
- Special flight services and general aviation facilities
- Hospital and quarantine facilities
- Airport administration building
- Airmail terminal

Construction of the Saudi Terminal began in March 1974 and was completed in January 1980. An estimated 156 million cubic yards (120 million cubic meters) of concrete were used in the construction process. Another 6,500 tons of Italian marble cover the walls and floors of building. A spacious courtyard inside the terminal features water fountains and a reflecting pool. A mosque overlooks the courtyard and a 60-room hotel is located in the east wing of the building.

The International Terminal, similar in appearance to the Saudi Terminal in its curved roof architecture, but smaller in size, is designed for use by foreign flag carriers serving Jeddah.

With a total of six mobile lounge positions and six processing areas, the building can handle up to 2,500 passengers an hour. The ground floor serves as the passenger processing area, including check-in counter, baggage handling, airline offices, banking facilities and a cafeteria.

The airport's sprawling Air Cargo Terminal, capable of handling some 150,000 metric tons of freight a year, is considered the largest air freight-handling structure in the Middle East.

Occupying an area of 371,000 square feet (36,000 square meters), the terminal is completely fireproof with an automatic fire protection sprinkler system. Modern material-handling systems and inventory-control methods will be employed to expedite movement of cargo. Refrigerated storage of perishable foods is available.

The apron of the terminal has seven positions to handle aircraft up to the size of a Boeing 747 jet freighter. Groundside parking

Worst racial violence hits London

LONDON, April 12 (AP) — More than 1,000 policemen sealed off south London's mostly black Brixton Ghetto Sunday after a night of rioting that injured 194 people and left scores of buildings, stores and vehicles gutted by fire.

In one of the worst eruptions of racial violence in Britain since World War II, black youths joined by some whites went on a six-hour burning and looting rampage in the racially-tense neighborhood Saturday night.

Calm prevailed Sunday as firemen damped down more than 30 major fires and residents cleared the streets of Debris, but authorities warned of the possibility of further violence. Scotland Yard said 106 people were arrested in running battles with hundreds of youths, who hurled gasoline bombs, rocks and bottles.

Police officers, including units from the crack special patrol group fast-reaction force,

sealed off a six-block zone where the worst of the violence occurred, halting all traffic into the area. Groups of young blacks gathered on the streets of Brixton as the massive cleanup operation got under way.

One West Indian community leader warned: "The trouble is off the streets for the moment, but this area is seething. Feeling against the police is running very high."

Some 40 vehicles were set afire, including several police cars. Police said nearly every store and business in central Brixton was damaged or destroyed and scores of businesses were looted. Thirty buildings, including a department store, a church, a school and two bars were completely gutted.

Eyewitnesses said the violence occurred after two white detectives stopped and searched a black taxi driver in Brixton's Raiton Road, known locally as "the front line" after earlier clashes between blacks and London's overwhelmingly white police force.



INJURED POLICEMAN: Blood running down of a police officer's face on his jacket at Brixton in South London Saturday when there were renewed clashes between police and black youths. Twenty three police officers were injured, three seriously, in the disturbances.

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To foster cooperation

Ministers highlight council role

JEDDAH, April 12 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan expressed his satisfaction with the existing good relations between the Kingdom and the Yemen Arab Republic.

Speaking on the occasion of the meetings of the Saudi Arabian Yemeni Coordination Council, Prince Sultan said there were no problems between the two countries and urged the press of both sides to put an end to malicious publicity which created suspicion about the bilateral relations. The council meets periodically to review matters of mutual interest and economic cooperation. He described the council as of extreme

importance and covered economic, political and cultural relations at all levels.

Interior Minister Prince Naif, who takes part in the meetings, said the council was of great significance and helped promote peace and stability for both states. He denied foreign press reports that there were border clashes between the two armed forces. "From a point of responsibility," he declared "I can say that there have been no armed clashes between us at all."

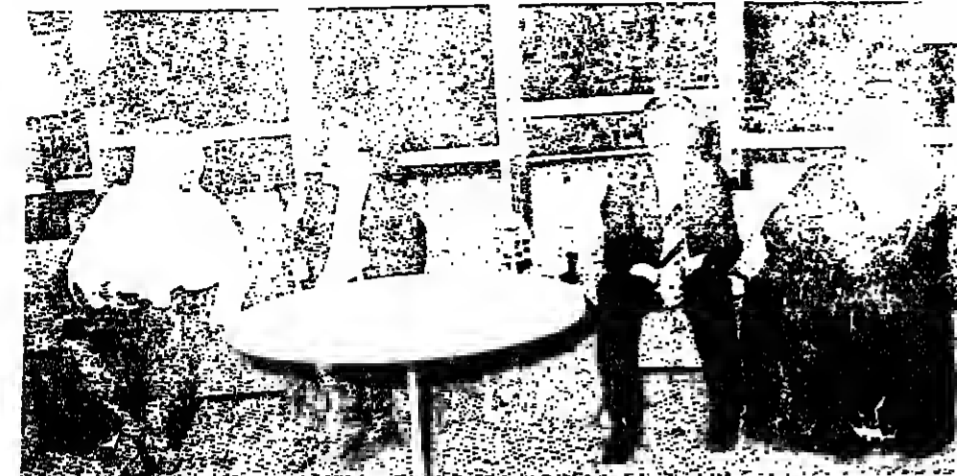
The importance of the council for both countries was also echoed by the Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al Thawr who

praised its contributions to better relations and bailed the economic assistance given to his country by Saudi Arabia. "We appreciate the aid extended to us by our Gulf brothers and specially Saudi Arabia," he said.

Al Thawr told Arab News that his country expected such assistance from the Gulf states and was grateful for it. He denied press reports that his country had applied for membership of the Gulf Cooperation Council, GCC, which was formed recently of six states including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the UAE and Oman. "We have not applied, and we have not therefore, been rejected," he said. He wished the council well in promoting closer relations among the member states. He urged them to realize that the risks faced by the Gulf region are similar to those faced by the states of the Arabian Peninsula. "We cannot separate the two," he said. He was not anticipating an invitation to his country to join the council although he made it clear that Yemen shared with the member states their religious, ethnic and traditional features and had no differences with them. Some GCC ministers have been quoted as saying that member states should have identical political and social conditions to ensure complete affinity.

The minister said he supported any attempt to ward off international rivalries from the regions, the Gulf and the Red Sea because of the current anxieties caused by certain international threats and risks. "Regardless of who is calling for such an attempt or conference," he said "we are in favor of anything that will ensure peace and stability in the region away from foreign influences."

He dismissed allegations that his government was veering towards the left and that the forthcoming visit of President Ali Abdullah Saleh to the Soviet Union had any significance in this regard. He said his government is planning a constitutional regime chosen by the people directly and based on the free democratic popular will which will decide the kind of government and the policy to be pursued. "It is not a question of being left or right because our policy has been quite clear and we were some of the first Arab states to have relations with the Socialist countries," he said.



DINNER: Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan gave a dinner at Jeddah water tower in honor of the Yemeni delegation to the Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council led by Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al-Thawr. It was attended by Jeddah District Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi; Western Province Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi, and other senior officials and high-ranking military personnel. Photo shows Prince Sultan in conversation with Al Thawr.

Shami opens modern art exhibition

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — The third exhibition of Saudi modern arts has been opened here by Ibrahim Al-Shami, Youth Welfare Cultural Affairs Department director, on behalf of Prince Faisal bin Fahd, the president of Youth Welfare.

More than 200 photographs, paintings, metal and porcelain works by some 72 artists

are on display for ten days at the exhibition which started Saturday.

The first prize for photography was won by artist Muhammad Slam, the second by Yusouf Jaha, the third by Soliman Ba Jemie, and the fourth by Saud Al-Qahani. The plastic arts prize went to Saad Al-Ubaid. Prizes totaled SR100,000.

Islamic law commission to be debated

ISLAMABAD, April 12 (SPA) — Pakistan President's roving ambassador for cultural affairs, Allah Baksh Khuda Baksh Brohi said here Sunday that the task before the Islamic legal experts is not only of utmost importance to the Islamic world but to the entire world.

Brohi inaugurated a two-day meeting of Islamic legal experts here being held under the auspices of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

Hassan Daud, Islamic general secretary director, read a message from the OIC secretary general Habib Chatti at the meeting.

Experts from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iran, Mauritania, Senegal Tunisia, Malaysia and the Comoro Islands, in addition to an observer delegation from Libya are participating in the meeting.

The meeting aims at forming an Islamic law commission that would conduct research in Shariah and forward its findings to member states of the OIC.

BRIEFS

Refineries produce 260,779 barrels
RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — The total daily production of the Kingdom's three refineries amounted to 260,779 barrels of petroleum products including liquid gas, benzene, kerosene, diesel, fuel oil, asphalt and aviation fuel. The refineries are located in Jeddah, Riyadh and Yanbu.

Projects finished
ABGAI, April 12 (SPA) — The Municipality has completed various projects for the town at a cost of SR 18.3 million. Mayor Ahmad Al-Dairi said the projects include asphaltting the town's main streets, building a slaughter house and a vegetable and meat market. He said that an SR150,000 contract was awarded Sunday for digging an artesian well.

SR 600m for maintenance
RIYADH, April 12 — The Ministry of Communications is spending an average of SR 600 million a year on road maintenance according to Deputy Minister Zaki Attiyah. He told Al-Jazirah Sunday that the ministry takes care of 14,000 kilometers of roads and that it is planning to pay out nearly SR 1.6 billion to owners of lands which the ministry had expropriated for road-building purposes.

Beggary comfort
JEDDAH, April 12 — A new building for the anti-beggary committee will be hired here soon to continue its efforts to wipe out the practice, according to Issan Taib, director of the office. Foreign beggars are arrested and deported while local ones taken into custody to study their cases with the aim of rehabilitating them.

Saud meets Shamsul Haq

DACCA, April 12 (Agencies) — Visiting Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and his Bangladesh counterpart Shamsul Haq held three hours of talks during a river cruise near Dacca Sunday.

An official spokesman said the two foreign ministers discussed bilateral relations as well as the regional and international situations, including the Middle East and the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

The spokesman said Prince Saud, had

expressed Saudi Arabia's willingness to increase its cooperation and participation in development projects in Bangladesh.

Prince Saud said Saturday that he discussed issues of mutual interest, bilateral relations and other international subjects with high ranking officials in Bangladesh.

Prince Saud is here as part of a four-nation visit which includes besides Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

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Sports contracts let

By a Staff Writer
YADH, April 12 — Youth Welfare Minister Prince Faisal bin Fahd has signed contracts worth SR 270 million for the erection of sports facilities in Medina, Jeddah and Unaizah.

Prince Faisal awarded last week an SR150 million contract to an international company which a complete sports complex will be built in Medina. The complex will include a 6,000 seat stadium, a 2,500 bed, a swimming pool with seats for 2,500 people, a tennis hall, a health unit and outdoor courts.

A second contract, worth SR120 million, will be for constructing sports complexes for clubs, Shula of Kharj and Najma of Bah. Both contracts should be completed in 24 months.

Two contracts are part of a number that are under the guidelines of the Third Five Year Development Plan. The plan aims at a comprehensive and social and sports development in rural and urban centers.

Arabian board meets

YADH, April 12 (SPA) — The Board of Administration of Hail Agricultural Development Company met here Saturday at its honorary chairman, Prince Miqrin bin Abdul Aziz, the area's governor. It deliberated on topics relating to the establishment of a company. It will meet again Wednesday at Hail Governorate. The meeting was led by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, agriculture and water minister.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Ahmed Hassani
Al Nadwa

In a recent order, Crown Prince Fahd directed all government departments to correct the spelling while writing the name of the Kingdom's spiritual capital in English. He told them that the correct spelling was MAKKAH and not Mecca. I thank the crown prince for his kind attention especially as we know that the way of writing the name of the holy city is incorrect. Apart from that, some cities of entertainment in London and other cities of the Western world are called "Mecca". In view of this, writing the city's name in the correct way, which is MAKKAH, would enable the non-Arabs to pronounce it exactly as the Arabs. At the same time, the correct spelling would dissociate the name of the holy city from the name of places of corruption. In this connection, the Muslim World League can play a big role, both at the national and international organizations, in popularizing the correct spelling of the holy city's name in English. In this occasion, I would urge AL Nadwa newspaper to take the initiative and to start writing MAKKAH, instead of Mecca, on its front page. Similarly, I would call on the press department of the Muslim World League to amend the name of the holy city in its publications.

development in rural and urban centers. In addition to annual financial assistance, the state is building complete sports complexes for 16 clubs in the current plan.

The annual government assistance to the national sports clubs went as upto SR115,000 for each of the 124 clubs in the 1980-81 budget of the Youth Welfare. As the third development plan places more emphasis on the human factor, an initial estimate of SR720 million was allocated in this year's budget for building the first six complexes. The clubs are Hilal and Nasr of Riyadh, Ahli and Ittihad of Jeddah and Ittifaq and Nahda of Dammam.

A SR120 million contract was awarded in March for building sports facilities for the Akhdoud club of Najran. The contract, awarded to an international firm, calls for the construction of a complex that includes a 5,000 seat swimming stadium, a closed games hall, administrative offices, swimming pools, a meeting hall for 500 people, a mosque and outdoor courts.

Gulf aides plan to fight disease

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — A four-day session of the Arab Gulf States General Health Secretariat opened here Saturday under Dr. Jalal Ashi, the secretary general.

High on the agenda is the coordination of member states' efforts in combating malaria, as well as health education, and tighter inspection of commercial mineral water.

Other items to be discussed include joint purchases, registration, control as well as the manufacture of disposable syringes. The meeting is attended by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Oman, Iraq, Qatar and Kuwait.

In a separate development, Dr. Rashed Fulayfel, Bahrain's health undersecretary left Dhabran for home Saturday at the conclusion of a short visit to Saudi Arabia. While in the Kingdom, Fulayfel held talks with Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahani, rector of King Faisal University, on cooperation between the university and the Bahraini health ministry as well as the possible training of medical students at Al-Sulaimanyyah hospital in Bahrain.

Education Ministry surveys old roads

HAJR-EL-BATEN, April 12 (SPA) — A mission from the Education Ministry's Archeological and Museum Department began a survey of the last sector of Zubaida road, from Al-Ashar area, northwest of here to the Saudi-Iraqi borders.

Sakh Al-Jihani who leads the mission said Saturday that the survey of the entire road, from Makkah to the last checkpoint on the Saudi-Iraqi borders, will be completed within a month. The road was used at the time of the Caliph Harun Al-Rashid.

In a separate local development, it was



ROYAL: A view of the royal pavilion in the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport near Jeddah. The structure is made of marble under a pyramidal copper roof. It was designed by the Japanese-American architect Minoru Yamasaki. It has a 10,000 square-meter parade ground and a 246-car garage.

Saudia offers executive class

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 12 — Saudia introduced a new executive class on its flights between the Kingdom and New York as of April 1, according to officials of Public Affairs department here.

The new facility will provide businessmen with improved comfort and service. The class is mid-way between the first class and economy. Special features include a separate cabin between the first and economy class sections of the aircraft; a more spacious seating arrangement, in comparison with the economy, with eight seats abreast instead of 10; and more comfortable seats and a choice of meals with China crockery.

The class costs about SR600 more than the economy one way fare during the high season, and SR550 in the low season. Saudia is operating currently on a winter service of five flights a week. It will revert to a daily Dhabran-New York non-stop schedule as of May 1.

Among the attractions of the executive class are free headphones, slipper socks and eye-shades. The airline also plans to provide a better range of reading material, particularly in Arabic. A special color coded boarding pass and baggage handling facilities would also be introduced.

Gosaibi lectures UPM

DHAHRAN, April 12 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi will give a lecture at the University of Petroleum and Minerals here Tuesday on "Jubail and Yanbu, how and why." The lecture is part of the university's yearly cultural activities.

On Sunday, Riyadh University's Student Society had a dialogue with Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Abdullah ibn Baz, the head of the religious research, legal opinion and guidance department.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, April 12 (WAM) — Erik Schultze, Danish civil defense department director general, and his delegation left here Saturday for home concluding a weeklong visit to the UAE. He held talks with Interior Ministry officials here on promoting bilateral coordination and cooperation in civil defense.

The Danish delegation also made an inspection tour of various UAE civil defense centers. Schultze was seen off by Maj. Muhammad Sami Samia, deputy director general of the Civil Defense Directorate.

RAS AL KHAIMAH, April 12 (WAM) — Ras Al Khaimah Legal Department completed formalities for setting-up a white cement plant. Preliminary studies have proved that the project was feasible.

Financial contributions for the construction of the plant will be provided by businessmen from the UAE and other Gulf states.

ABU DHABI, April 12 (WAM) — Dr. Serge Nessi, personal representative of the International Red Cross Committee chairman, left here Saturday after a few-day's visit.

Dr. Nessi had talks with Foreign Ministry and Health officials on Red Cross activities and the possibility of increasing the UAE's contribution in the fund to help promote its humanitarian role.

The Red Cross official urged Arab countries, and those of the Gulf in particular, to support the institution which he said is facing serious financial difficulties because of its increasing activities in various parts of the world, including the Middle East.

In an interview with the Emirates News Agency (WAM), Dr. Nessi said the committee has allocated \$15 million of its budget to be spent on operations in the Islamic world alone. Of that amount, about \$4 million will be spent on the Middle East region, excluding Iraq and Iran as well as Lebanon where fighting erupted again between the various warring factions there.

MANAMA, April 12 — "Oceanexpo Middle East", an international maritime exhibition will be staged here next year. The show, covering all aspects of port and marine development, will be held at the Exhibition Center.

Jointly organized by the Arabian Exhibition Management and the French Tchocoxpo, the four day event will run alongside the Middle East Machinery and Material Handling Show, "MEM'82", February 15 to 18.

ABU DHABI, April 12 (WAM) — Indonesian Foreign Minister Prof. Mukhtar Kusuma Atmadja arrives here Friday on a three-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates.

The minister is currently visiting Qatar where he arrived Saturday from Oman. He will also visit Bahrain and Kuwait.

Prof. Atmadja will hold talks with senior government officials here on the Middle East situation, latest developments in the region and bilateral relations.

This is the first visit by Atmadja since he became foreign minister two years ago. Earlier he had visited the region earlier this month.

DUBAI, April 12 (WAM) — Arturo T. Tanco, president of the World Food Council and Minister of Agriculture in the Philippines, arrived here Sunday on a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates for talks on prospects of co-operation and exchange of expertise in the fields of agriculture and fisheries.

Tanco, on his first visit to the country, said he hopes to sign a technical co-operation protocol between the UAE and the Philippines to promote bilateral co-operation in agriculture and fisheries fields.

ABU DHABI, April 12 (WAM) — Dr. Abdulhaliq Zu Ubi, managing director of the Arab Organization for Administrative Sciences, arrived here Sunday. He is on a tour of Arab world.

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Wazzan: No peace plan received from U.S.

BEIRUT, April 12 (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Shafic Wazzan has said his government had so far received no specific proposals from the United States for helping to end the latest upsurge of bloodshed.

Speaking to reporters after talks with President Elias Sarkis about the violence, Wazzan said: "We have so far not been informed about any initiative beyond the humanitarian framework. When we receive specific suggestions, then the government will adopt an official stand concerning them."

He was commenting on reports that foreign governments, particularly the United States and France, were acting to put a stop to the present round of fighting, described as amongst the worst since the 1975-76 civil war.

In Paris Saturday, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said America and France were taking coordinated steps to restore peace. This could involve a peacekeeping force and a United Nations role, he stated.

Artillery duels were still going on Saturday around the besieged east Lebanese town of Zahle and sporadic mortar and gunfire were heard in the capital, security sources said. Troops from the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) maintained their blockade of Zahle for the 11th consecutive day and the sources said fighting between the ADF and the rightist militia was continuing in the hills around the city.

Sudanese envoy arrives in Cairo

CAIRO, April 12 (R) — Sudan's ambassador to Egypt, Abdul Rahman Salman, has arrived in Cairo to end an 18-month lull in diplomatic relations because Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel.

He told reporters at the airport he was carrying a verbal message from President Jaafar Numeiri to President Anwar Sadat. He presented his credentials to President Sadat Sunday.

Fifteen arrested

Frankfurt police battle with Turks

FRANKFURT, April 12 (AP) — Police battled groups of Turkish immigrants in the center of Frankfurt Saturday, authorities said. Nine policemen were injured and 15 Turks were arrested, according to a police spokesman. He gave no information on civilian injuries.

The spokesman said the brawl erupted when police tried to break up a group of 250 to 300 persons breaking the windows of a Turkish cultural center near the city's main railroad station. Police fired three warning shots in an attempt to free a colleague who

But since a ceasefire agreement was reached Wednesday, the scale of fighting had been lower than during the previous eight days when more than 250 persons were reported to have been killed in Zahle and Beirut, the sources added.

Following Israeli ground and air strikes against South Lebanon Friday, security sources in the southern town of Sidon reported new shelling in the region Saturday. At least 15 persons were killed and 45 wounded in Friday's fighting.

Irish embassy sources said some shells landed close to the village of Sultaniyeh in the sector patrolled by the Irish battalion of the United Nations peacekeeping force in the south Saturday.

Wazzan described the present fighting as "minor occasional violations" of the ceasefire and said these would not affect the general policy followed by the government in establishing peace. He said his discussions with Sarkis "were based on the fact that all our problems should be dealt with in a coordinated manner."

Meanwhile, French ambassador Louis Delamare Saturday met Foreign Minister Fuad Butros before leaving for discussions with his government in Paris. According to reports from Paris, France had made it clear it is willing to help set up a new peacekeeping force in Lebanon if this is requested by the Lebanese authorities.

Wazzan Saturday night called in Delamare on the eve of his departure for France to seek clarification about the Paris reports on a new peacekeeping force. State-run Beirut radio quoted Wazzan as saying after the meeting that he sought from the ambassador "clarifications about certain statements on the situation in Lebanon, reported by news agencies."

"It was necessary to express certain viewpoints which ought to be raised, especially as the Lebanese government has not yet received any official communications on the reports," he said.

Some 1.3 million Turks live in West Germany, representing the nation's largest group of resident foreigners. Public opinion surveys of West Germans have revealed a measure of antagonism between Germans and Turks, some of whom are here as political refugees. Others are "guest workers" in menial jobs. Many oppose the military government in their homeland and have staged demonstrations in several cities.

had been severely injured in the fight, according to the spokesman.

Egypt helping Israelis to bypass boycott

DAMASCUS, April 12 (AP) — The commissioner general of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office stated Saturday Israel "is doing all it can to normalize its relations with the Egyptian regime to bypass the boycott."

"We, therefore, now have to prevent the Egyptian regime creating a breach that Israel can use to bypass the boycott against it," the commissioner, Dr. Nurullah Nurullah, added. He was addressing the opening session of the 45th general conference of the liaison officers of the Arab Boycott Office.

"All Egyptian individuals or firms who try to violate the boycott regulations will be blacklisted," Nurullah said. Nurullah praised "the positive results of the boycott in making the Israeli economy suffer."

The conference is expected to last one week. Its agenda includes consideration for the blacklisting of 20 foreign firms and eliminating 35 from the list following their compliance with boycott regulations.

The Boycott Office blacklists firms who are dealing with Israel and are helpful to the war effort of the Zionist state or harmful to the Arab interests.

Peace panel meets Bani-Sadr

BEIRUT, April 12 (AP) — Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr met with the four-member nonaligned peace commission and repeated the Iranian demand that "the Iraqi aggressor" must be brought to justice as a condition for ending the seven-month war with Iraq, the Iranian News Agency Pars reported Saturday.

The commission is made up of the foreign ministers of Cuba, India, Zambia and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The group arrived in the Iranian capital Friday.

Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmerca, who heads the commission, told Pars

Syria sees U.S. plot in Middle East

At PNC session

DAMASCUS, April 12 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad has written off the 12-week-old United States administration of Ronald Reagan, saying the Arabs could attach no hope to it.

Addressing the opening of the 15th Palestine National Council (PNC) session Saturday, he also declared that the latest fighting in Lebanon was a plot to split up the country and use its territory to strike against Syria and the Arab world. President Assad told the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, convening at Damascus University, that there were some who advocated waiting for the Reagan administration to "take the side of right and justice."

"But we must ask what hope could be attached to a policy which has deteriorated in its hostility to the Arabs, as to become explicitly governed by the policy of Israel..." the Syrian leader said. The Middle East policies of the U.S. are expected to be a major preoccupation of the PNC, which is meeting for the first time in more than two years to forge a new political and military strategy and elect a new executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The Syrian president, who last October signed a friendship treaty with Moscow, described the Soviet Union as a "friendly country which supports the Arab just cause."

Assad made his first public reference to Lebanon since a bloody fighting broke out there 10 days ago between rightist Christian

militiamen and Syrian peace-keeping troops. He said that imperialist and Zionist plots "against the sister country of Lebanon" were "causing explosions within Lebanon with the aim of fragmenting it and of using its territory to strike against Syria and the Arab nation." In remarks added to the official text of his speech, Assad said the U.S. administration's "new directors came forward with their swords drawn and with their threats, but they will discover later, as their predecessors discovered, that they are wrong." He said Syria had no problems in Lebanon "and we shall maintain our stubborn stand against the plots being contrived against Lebanon."

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Turkey seeks stronger ties with Arabs

By Juliet Pearce

ISTANBUL —

The Arab world's growing wealth and influence have had a profound impact on Turkey, causing speculation about the country's possible economic and political re-orientation. The Turkish generals who seized power last September staunchly reaffirm their loyalty to the West and to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The "European look" was decreed over half-a-century ago by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, despite the fact that 95 per cent of Turkish territory lies in Asia Minor.

But the technocrats running the country under the overall supervision of the military National Security Council have a strong vision of thriving trade and economic relations with the Arab world. They see Turkey becoming the bread basket of the Middle East, exporting fruit, vegetables and wheat that Europe does not want.

During the past 18 months Turkey has made important inroads into Arab economic life, providing construction expertise to Libya, Syria and Tunisia. The value of current Arab contracts is estimated at over \$2 billion. There are several reasons for the trend:

First, most Arab countries have money to spend on crash development projects, and Turkish tenders are competitive. Second, Turkey hopes to develop a series of harter deals for Arab oil, because oil purchases are at present an enormous drain on its foreign currency reserves.

Third, Western Europe has been cold-shouldering Turkish efforts to join the European Economic Community. The recent Greek membership and the prospect of entry by Spain and Portugal would virtually close European doors to Turkish agricultural exports.

Turkey has always regarded itself as a traditional bridge between Europe and Asia. Now, as one Western diplomat puts it, the country is trying to "hedge its bets." As long as the generals are in power, there is no question of any significant change, but more and more Turkish intellectuals are wondering whether Turkey should continue its quest to be a European power when Europe obviously does not always regard it as such.

The growing commercial relations with the Arabs are being backed by Turkey's unequivocal support for the Palestinian cause and its reduction of diplomatic relations with Israel to what is described here as a "symbolic level." While representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization hold the center of the diplomatic stage in Ankara, the Israeli mission has been dramatically reduced in size and scope. It was a serious blow to Israel.

Tanzania's huge dam

By Thomas Land

Tanzania is planning a vast new dam on the Rufiji River — but before work starts it is taking steps to avoid the ecological hindrances made by other African dam-builders. It has commissioned an environment impact study whose findings are an A-to-Z of everything that could go wrong.

The Rufiji is Tanzania's largest river, its basin covering about one-fifth of the country with perhaps a tenth of the national population living there. Construction of the dam is expected to begin next year.

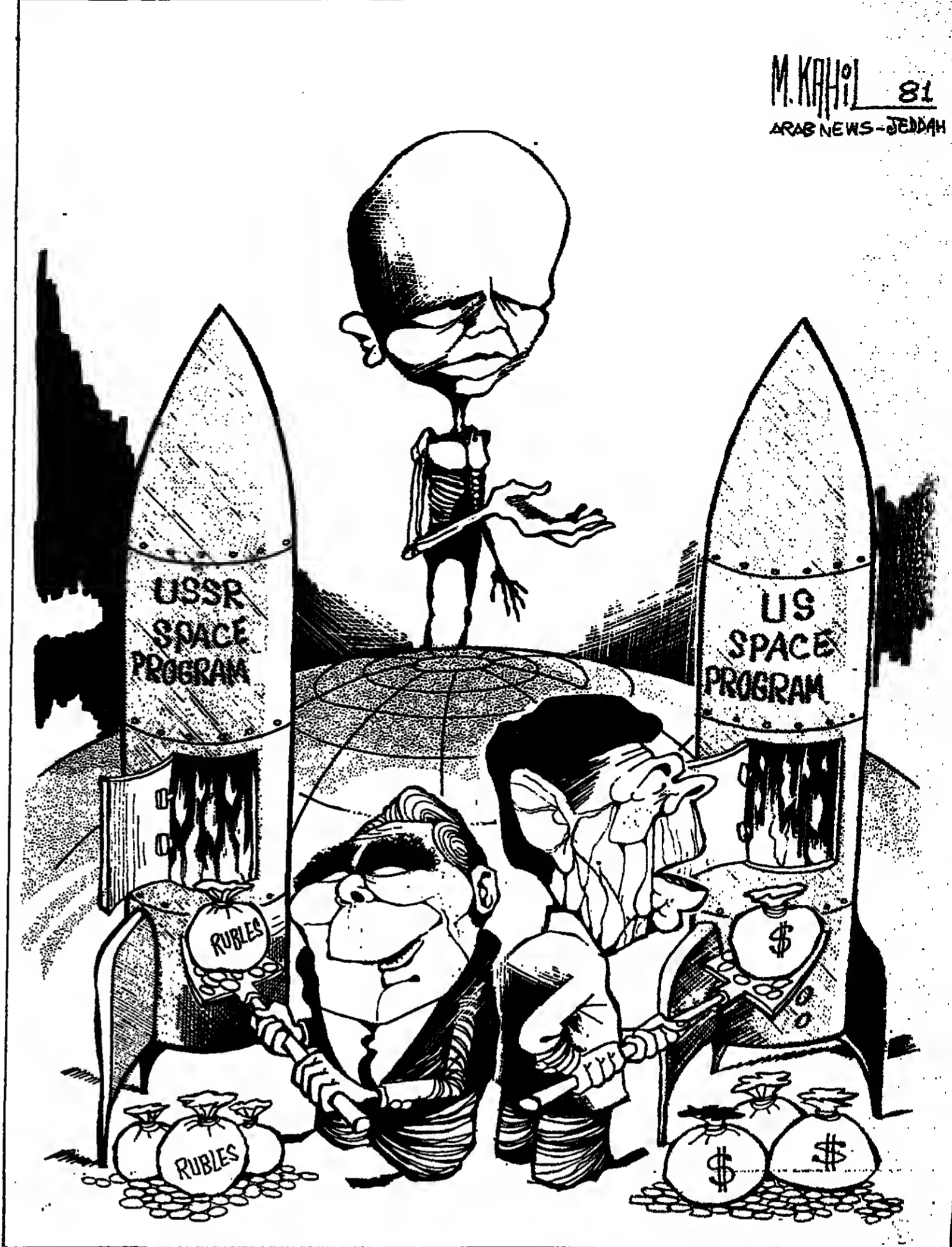
The main aim is to provide electricity, but the dam will also decrease agriculture's dependence on seasonal flooding and will create facilities for year-round water transport in the basin. "Hydroelectric dams are becoming essential development projects in the face of dwindling fossil fuels," says a specialist from the United Nations Environment Program, which carried out the study for the Rufiji River Basin Development Authority.

"But when man superimposes water over extensive terrestrial system, he creates new and unfamiliar systems and biological associations over which he has little or no control."

To begin, with the dam is likely to affect the animal population of Tanzania's biggest game reserve, Selous, where there are 90,000 elephants, 20,000 hippos and an abundance of lion, rhino, leopard, zebra, impala and crocodile. They will have to be protected.

Declining soil fertility will result from the greatly reduced flow of silt to the flood plain. There is also danger of spreading aquatic weeds. Many species of fish, whose life cycles include essential periods of migration, will be prevented from traveling downstream.

The mangrove, forests, which abound in the river valley and provide local timber supplies, may also be seriously affected by the drying of the delta. Finally, there is the socio-economic effect of large-scale dam building in developing regions, covered at great length by another report prepared for the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, held recently in Rome.



Reformists gain strength in Poland

By Mark Frankland

LONDON —

The crisis over the beating up of Solidarity members in the town of Bydgoszcz has had the unexpected result of pushing the Polish Communist Party toward a serious, and perhaps final, attempt to pull itself together. A tremendous impulse has been given to the rank-and-file party members and those leaders who sympathize with their demands that Polish communism has to win a new constituency for itself in Poland by revising both its methods and ideas. At the same time the identity of those party leaders who are resisting this movement has become known.

Last month's meeting of the Party Central Committee was the occasion for all this to become clear. Just before the party leadership met, Stefan Bratkowski, chairman of the Polish Journalists' Association, had published an open letter to all party members in which he openly accused some people "occupying the highest positions in our party" and, supported by groups within the Warsaw Party organization and the security apparatus, of provoking a crisis which they could then end by using force.

It was no secret in Warsaw that Bratkowski (and many others) believed the two leading "conservatives" in the politburo to be Stefan Olszowski and Tadeusz Grabski. Both men had been removed from power by Edward Gierek for criticizing — quite accurately, it turned out — Polish economic policy. They returned to power after Gierek's fall

but Polish intellectuals insisted at the time that Olszowski, the senior of the two, was as illiberal as he was able.

In his speech to the Central Committee, Olszowski attacked Bratkowski by name. He said he had "entered upon the path of splitting the party and its leadership, upon the path of factional activity." These are serious charges and if accepted would involve severe punishment, but as far as is known the Central Committee took no action against the outspoken journalist. This is not surprising. The first 20 or so speeches made at the plenum and broadcast, in excerpts, by Polish radio showed a strong majority against the Olszowski tendency and in favor of more reforms within the party.

The first secretary of the provincial party committee in Szczecin (which, along with Gdansk, was a center of the August strikes that led to the creation of Solidarity) said that "disturb between the rank-and-file membership and the leadership of the party is getting worse and worse."

Other Central Committee members made the same point. A woman textile worker from Lodz: "The party has lost the trust of the broad masses of the workers." A hailer from Warsaw: "Why do comrades who have higher functions within the party avoid meeting local organizations?"

"At present," he went on, "the working class is in its preponderant majority against us, against the party leadership. The people have been given old slogans, methods and leaders whom no one in the country accepts any longer."

Another Central Committee member: "Internal discipline within the party is worsening. The contact of many of our party leaders with the people is getting weaker and weaker." The first secretary of the provincial party organization in Siedlce: "There is growing criticism not only of the Central Committee and the politburo but of all central seats of power." A party member from Bydgoszcz: "The opinion prevails in the nation that the process of renewal is being slowed down by the top party echelons. The politburo cannot decide the future of party members without their participation..."

It is not surprising that this Central Committee should at least have decided on a date for the extraordinary party congress which many ordinary party members see as a necessary step toward creating a party that has a chance of playing a popular role in Poland. Many speakers demanded the congress be held in June: in the end it was decided that it would be not later than July 20.

For the first time a majority in the Central Committee seems to have come out firmly in favor of the reform movement. The polarization of opinion, which seems to have left the conservatives as a clearly isolated (although still possibly powerful) minority was brought about largely by the debate over the Bydgoszcz affair. This will please most Poles. But it opens a new stage in Warsaw's delicate relations with Moscow which does not admit that the Soviet model of a Communist Party needs reforming. (ONS)

LEBANON'S TRAGEDY

The fighting in Lebanon was supposed to continue until it accounted for the last Lebanese. This was a view advanced by the *New York Times* last week, and it contained enough brutal truth to indicate how precarious, how brittle, the present lull is.

The American paper, however, did not see fit to mention who is behind this unending tragedy. It did not spell out how ready Washington is to sacrifice Lebanon for the sake of Israel, or how American, Soviet and countless other conspiracies all converge on this hapless country, changing it into a testing ground for their various military, political and diplomatic skills.

If America's sole purpose is the protection of Israel, is the destruction and the fragmentation of Lebanon the way to do this? And if the American requirement is the destruction of the Palestinians, is the annihilation of Lebanon the means?

And if the Soviets want to ensure themselves a say in the solution of the Palestine problem, is the only way toward this the exploding of another country, and the killing of its three million inhabitants?

The years of terror and destruction have brought the secret truth of what is happening in Lebanon very near to the surface. It is time that the Lebanese, through whose various factions the conflict is being fought, woke up to it. The tragedy of Lebanon is that its people, who are among the most resourceful and vital people in the world might not come to realize this simple and terrible truth until it is too late.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

All newspapers carried as their lead story King Khaled's arrival in Jeddah Saturday to dedicate the new King Abdul Aziz airport Sunday and a number of other development projects during the course of this week.

Newspapers frontpaged the meeting of the Saudi Arabian-Yemeni Coordination Council, headed by Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, and Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al-Thawri. They highlighted Prince Sultan's reaffirmation that a strong military cooperation exists between Saudi Arabia and North Yemen and both countries have mutual understanding on many vital matters. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's tour of four Asian countries, which began with a visit to Bangladesh Saturday, was prominently reported as a front-page story in the newspapers. The arrival of some U.S. congressmen on a three-day visit to the Kingdom was another story that received page one highlight in most papers.

Al-Yam gave front-page highlight to a statement by the Turkish foreign minister in Bonn in which he said that his country would support the West German arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

Newspapers mostly dealt with the opening of new development projects by King Khaled in the Western Province. *Al-Nadwa* said in an editorial that the new King Abdul Aziz airport in Jeddah is symbolic of the royalty's concern for the progress and advancement in the field of air transport in the Kingdom. The new airport would provide great services to the pilgrims, said the paper, adding that

the monarch's meeting with the people on this auspicious occasion is proof of another event of joint efforts for the sake of the country's progress and prosperity.

On the same subject, *Al-Bilad* noted that, during the past few years, the Kingdom has witnessed a comprehensive development activity whose only aim has been to bring welfare and prosperity for the people of Saudi Arabia. The paper described the new airport as part of a series of major projects the King is scheduled to open this week. All these projects, it said, would confirm that the march of progress and development continues with the Saudi Arabian people playing a big role in the accomplishment of projects.

Al-Riyadh observed that the new projects are part of the comprehensive development plan which the country's leaders have taken upon themselves to accomplish, in order to confirm their strong desire to benefit from science and modern technology. The paper said that progress in different fields was made possible by peaceful and stable conditions prevailing in the country at all times. The responsibility of preserving the country's stability rests equally with the people who have to intensify efforts with the government machinery to safeguard the country's peace and stability, said the paper.

Okaz said it is a happy coincidence that "brothers from North Yemen" are present amongst us to see the opening of the new projects. The paper added that "in our future concept we don't think of Saudi Arabia alone but take into consideration the wel-

fare and prosperity of the peoples of the greater homeland". It said further that any achievement in Yemen is considered an accomplishment in Saudi Arabia. "It pleases us because we work with a common vision and aspiration," the paper added.

On the other hand, *Al-Madina* discussed the Jewish enmity toward the Kingdom, saying that animosity toward Islam and Muslims is ingrained in the Jewish nature. The Jews have always aspired to gain a total military domination of the region, so that no voice could be heard above their own voices, it added. Tracing the history of Jewish plans, the paper said the Jews began their plan projecting themselves as the victims of Nazism and wanting nothing but a home to provide them shelter. Gradually they grabbed Palestine and persisted in their expansionist designs on other Arab states, the paper said. It added that Saudi Arabia arms itself under the divine command to remain powerful (before the enemies). Another reason to remain powerful is that no nation can live a dignified life today unless it is capable of repelling hostile attacks, the paper added.

Al-Jazirah discussed the general Arab situation. It said that, if there had been no contradictions in the Arab stances and no differences among the Arabs themselves, the Americans and the Russians would not have played with the Arab issues to serve their own interests. The unity and solidarity of the Arabs in all fields would have forced the two superpowers to adopt a more just and positive policy toward the Arab issues, the paper added.



"How much is the dowry in your country?" Al-Jazirah

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By Sandy Rovner

WASHINGTON (WP) — The graceful aging of President Reagan's insides has become a matter of record, a happy aspect of an otherwise chilling episode.

Better even than that, believes Dr. Robert N. Butler, Reagan's resiliency should end the often unconscious tendency to attach age to his every mention.

"While I don't want to detract one iota from his strength and humor, it becomes a very important message to the American people that we've been perpetrating some quite inaccurate stereotypes about aging.

"The president," he says, "becomes a very important role model here." The questions raised are these: How is it that one person at 55 is back in harness, and another at 70 is shot in the lung?

"A fair question," sighs Dr. Reubin Andres, clinical director of the institute and director of the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging, in progress since 1958 for men and 1978 for women.

"First of all," he says, "it should be clear to you when you look at people who are 70 that there is a wide disparity. In fact, though, all 20-year-olds are not alike either."

"Some parts may be functioning better than you might expect at a given age, and others not as well." Geriatricians have found there are some functions which do tend to deteriorate with age and others which were thought to do so, but probably do not.

"Where our ignorance begins to show," says Andres is in determining "what causes differential patterns of aging."

Reagan silences critics of aging



"But while that's important to know about, it's nothing you can do anything about at the moment."

"And, of course, there is the element of luck," says Andres. "If you've been roved over by a truck, it doesn't matter too much how long your parents lived or how you manage stress."

stress responses." "And having ticked these off — while we're reasonably certain those factors are important — once you get down to details, it gets stickier."

NUTRITION: "We know a great deal about gross malnutrition (such as scurvy, beriberi or pellagra) but when you get to the more delicate details of what you should ingest in order to age gracefully, we have to beg off and say there really is no good evidence for what those patterns should be."

Even the role of obesity, says Andres, is somewhat controversial now. "It is generally agreed that it's not good to be extremely lean or grossly obese, but just exactly where badness begins on the obesity scale is arguable."

ACTIVITY: "The information is just as vague as in nutrition. It is so reasonable that being vigorously active would improve one's health, you almost have to be a scrooge or a curmudgeon to say, 'okay, show me the evidence.'"

SMOKING: "This is just plain bad news. It's bad for overall mortality, probably for general aging." (Butler notes that even after 40 years of smoking 2 1/2 packs a day, ex-smokers' lung capacity is virtually normal after a year of no smoking.)

PERSONALITY: Geriatricians believe that the absence of stress is as damaging as its poor handling, and that leadership is a great predictor of longevity.

Another geriatrician, Dr. Valery Portnoi at the George Washington University Medical Center, also sees in the shunting tragedy an opportunity. "I would hope," says he "this occasion would be a kind of trigger to use the potential that is there."

It is Portnoi's belief, based on studies of cell replications, that humans are programmed to live 150 years, that there are "three clocks of aging: Social, biological and psychological...but we live in an artificial structure that may not permit us to use our biological potential."

So far as the aging institute's Butler is concerned, the recipe for long life may not be proven, but strong evidence suggests this: Stop smoking, develop a sense of humor, don't worry about stress (or, presumably, anything else), keep life full of complications and goal-oriented; and remember that "the who's who-ers' live longer."

And as for Shakespeare and his As You Like It seven-ages-of-man: Speech, ending up "sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything?" "Shakespeare," says Butler, "was dead wrong."

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For Chinese

Narcissus: A symbol of good luck

By Debbie Kuo

TAIPEI (CNA) — One can easily sense the arrival of spring in most of the living rooms in Taiwan by seeing a bowl of blossoming narcissus. To the Chinese, the early-blooming narcissus is a symbol of good luck.

People don't understand the mysterious nature of narcissus just like they have never been able to fully understand the mysterious process of creative nature from ancient times.

In due time the long jade-green stalks of narcissus sprout gently from their bulbous roots and grow slowly upward; then mysteriously and playfully, they split apart at an illogical three-dimension direction, curve suddenly into a 90-degree angle at the tip, and shoot out white ray-like petals.

In botanical terms, the narcissus is a perennial herb that grows to be about a foot tall and has long, thin leaves with parallel veins. In Chinese, the six-petaled variety is called the "golden cup and silver stand" with its white petals and yellow stamens, and the pure yellow variety the "long life flower", and the double-petaled "jade tinkler."

The narcissus are more commonly known as the "water fairy flower" (shui hsein hua). There are Chinese folk stories — just like Western myths — that give the origin of the name. These tales, in short, say that the narcissus is the flower of the water fairy.

The people who lived in China in the distant past believed that there were spirits that represented such features of nature as mountains, streams, trees, and rocks. According to the book *Tien Yen Tzu*, those among humans are called human fairies; those in heaven are called heavenly fairies; those in the earth are called earth fairies; those in the water are called water fairies.

One of the most believed tales about the water fairy flower is that in ancient China, in Hunan, there was a filial son so poor that he could not support his sick father. Day in and day out he walked in sorrow along the bank of the Milo River. At long last, the Milo Chau Yuan (who, as a oot, had drowned himself in the Milo) appeared on the bank and pointed to the ground, where a flower then miracul-



ously sprouted — a delicate and graceful blossoming white flower. The impoverished young man took the flower and sold it in the market, earning so much thereby that he was able to support his family well thereafter.

Among others, the most interesting story is the myth in ancient Greece. The narcissus flower was personified as Narcissus — a man who was so in love with himself that he was transformed by a curse into a flower. In modern terms, narcissism stands for a human nature which reflects man's arrogance and self-satisfaction.

Narcissus or water fairy flowers, grow profusely along the upper reaches of the Min River in Fukien Province, and in the area of Tatsien near the upper part of the North River

in Canton. In the northern Chinese provinces, the narcissus is commonly called "elegant garlic" or "stone garlic". Because the narcissus bulb looks very much like a garlic bulb if it stays not to blossom, there is an interesting pun well-known in the Chinese language, "Chuang suan" which means one puts on airs or puts up a false front.

The Chinese have always considered the narcissus an auspicious plant, and every family likes to buy some of the flowers during the Lunar New Year holidays. To the longer stalks they tie red ribbons — which besides adding to the beauty of the flowers and the joy of the holidays, help to dispel the feeling of sorrow that the Chinese traditionally associate with the color white — the color of narcissus.

Indian Evening

A qawwali (musical) evening, sponsored by the Indian Embassy at the PCS will be held Wednesday, April 15 at 9 p.m., Thursday, April 16 at 10 p.m. and Friday, April 17 at 9 p.m. Aziz Warsi of Hyderabad and six other musicians will perform. Tickets of SR100; SR50 and SR30 can be obtained from the Indian Embassy receptionist.

Women's event

Al Khairiya Women's Welfare Society's costume and cosmetics show will be held at Al Badr Sheraton Hotel on April 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. Ticket of SR100 can be obtained from the society's office.

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Provincial voting today

Quebec separatists lead in opinion polls

MONTREAL, April 12 (AP) — The Parti Quebecois (PQ) government of Rene Levesque, who wants to take Quebec out of Canada, has grabbed a decisive lead in public opinion polls just two days before a crucial provincial election. The separatist PQ, which has governed the largely French-speaking province for 4½ years, says that if it wins Monday's vote for a new Quebec legislature it will put the secession question "on ice" for at least three years.

The party remains committed to eventual independence, a fact opposition Liberals

Siamese twin girls die

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, April 12 (AP) — Two-day-old Siamese twin girls born joined from the chest to the navel and having inseparable hearts died Saturday night at Vanderbilt University Hospital, a spokeswoman said. Doctors had said earlier in the day that the twins' prognosis was not good. Cardiac defects had been detected by diagnostic tests and surgery was impossible, doctors said.

The twins, Laura and Lisa, were born Thursday to Mary Fay Grisham, a 25-year-old obstetrical nurse from Murfreesboro. "The crucial determinant was the finding that the ventricles, or main pumping chambers, are totally fused," doctors had said in a statement. "Based on this finding, the consensus is that the hearts are inseparable. In addition to this major defect, there were multiple other defects in major blood vessels in both babies," the doctor said.

India not Trojan horse for Soviets, says Indira

ROME, April 12 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has been quoted as saying her country is not a "Trojan Horse" for Soviet imperialism and that India receives help from both the United States and the USSR.

In a wide-ranging interview with the Italian weekly magazine *Epoca*, Mrs. Gandhi was also quoted as saying India has achieved self-sufficiency in food production and, although poverty is still a serious problem, people are no longer dying of hunger.

Asked by interviewer Francesco Friptieri if India is a "Trojan Horse" for the Soviet Union, Mrs. Gandhi was quoted as saying "that's completely ridiculous." She was quoted as saying that even the Communists in India are not all allies of the Soviet Union. "You have to remember that the Marxist movement in India is not completely Soviet-ized. The Indian Communist Party, at the

time of the Moscow-Peking split, was divided too."

"The United States helps us in many ways, in education, medicine and agriculture. But I must recall that when we decided to set up our first steel plant, we asked the United States for help and they refused. Consequently, we were obliged to ask for help from the Soviet Union, she was quoted Saturday as saying.

Mrs. Gandhi said India and other developing countries want to build their own industrial "infrastructure" so they can achieve economic independence, but the United States is reluctant to help them do this, according to the *Epoca* interview.

Meanwhile, it was reported in New Delhi that three demonstrators were killed Saturday when riot police in the southern Indian state of Karnataka fired on about 6,000 farmers blockading highways to press for an increase in the support price of tobacco.

Two opinion polls released Saturday should the separatist party with 45 or 49 per cent of the vote, to 35-37 per cent for the Liberals. One highly regarded analyst of Quebec politics, Professor Maurice Pinard of Montreal's McGill University, predicts the PQ will win at least a 13-seat majority in the assembly.

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Chinese find it hard to fix age of mummy

PEKING, April 12 (AP) — Chinese scientists have run into the old problem of having a hard time pinning down a woman's age, especially when it is more than 2,000. The body of a once beautiful blonde found last year in northwest China's Sinkiang province had been believed to be 6,400 years old. A Shanghai newspaper said in February that it compared with the 5,000-year-old mummies of Egypt as a marvel.

But specialists in Peking now say the woman is more likely to be about 2,200 years old, China's official Xinhua news agency has reported. They explained that the original estimate had been based on a piece of timber from the grave area, tested by the carbon 14 method and found to be 6,412 years old. But a test in Peking on the coarse woolen cloth used to wrap the body indicated it is only about 2,185 years old.

they added.

Still another piece of timber in the coffin is judged to be 3,650 years old, they told Xinhua. Even today, they said, well-preserved timber more than 2,000 years old can be found in Krouraina, the ancient city of Lnu-Lan, where the body was found.

Thus it is possible that ancient timber was used for the woman's coffin, they added.

Opposition to field Laurel against Marcos

MANILA, April 12 (Agencies) — Former Sen. Salvador Laurel has emerged as the opposition's choice to fight President Ferdinand Marcos in the presidential elections scheduled for June. A straw poll among members of the Unified Democratic Opposition (UNIDO) Saturday showed Laurel way ahead, followed by former Sen. Gerardo Roxas and Assemblyman Ruben Canoy, authoritative UNIDO sources said.

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Despite IRA convict's election

Britain to deny political status

LONDON, April 12 (Agencies) — The British government stood firm Saturday against granting political status to terrorist prisoners despite the election to Parliament convicted IRA guerrilla Bobby Sands, severely weakened by a 42-day prison hunger strike.

Sands was reported to be displaying early signs of starvation and unable to leave his hospital, heightening concern that he soon will die and become a martyr for the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

In London, leaders of all 11 political parties in Britain were summoned to a meeting Monday in the House of Commons to discuss how to deal with the political dilemma. Sands' victory in Thursday's by-election merely undercut Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's security strategy for Northern Ireland, torn by years of sectarian violence.

The 27-year-old Roman Catholic defeated an army West, a Protestant hard-liner, in the northern Ireland's predominantly Roman Catholic Fermanagh and South Tyrone district. The area is a battleground between nationalists seeking to reunite the province

with the Irish Republic and Protestants who support continued British rule.

Sands, a member of the IRA's militant provisional wing, was jailed in Maze for 14 years after a gunbattle with police. He began his hunger strike at Maze prison near Belfast March 1, employing an oft-used propaganda tactic aimed at pressuring the British government to grant political status to IRA prisoners.

In Belfast, police fired rubber bullets Saturday to disperse Roman Catholic demonstrators celebrating the election of Sands. A bus was hijacked and set ablaze and nine brick-throwing demonstrators were arrested as tensions rose in the Northern Ireland capital following the election victory of Sands.

From his hospital bed in the Maze prison, Sands said he would neither resign the parliamentary seat nor give up his 42-day-old fast. A supporter who visited Sands Saturday quoted him as saying: "What do I want to resign for? I have only two weeks to live."

Political sources in London said the House of Commons may vote next week to expel Sands

as unfit to be a member.

A spokesman for Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said Sands would be the first British member of parliament to starve to death in jail unless Britain granted him the political prisoners status he demands. His victory is regarded as a major publicity coup for the Irish Republican movement, striving for a British withdrawal from Northern Ireland.

Protestant politicians expressed alarm at Sands' victory. The Rev. Ian Paisley said it showed "exactly where the Roman Catholic population stands." Leaders of the Ulster Defense Association, which claims 30,000 Protestant supporters organized street-by-street, said they would meet next week to study what they regarded as an intensified threat to the province's British heritage.

With Sands' victory rallies taking place in communities across Northern Ireland, several thousands police were drafted into Cookstown to prevent clashes after rival Catholic and Protestant marches were banned.

Autopsy reveals Cuban dies of injuries

MIAMI, April 12 (AP) — A 39-year-old Cuban refugee, who FBI officials said tried to hijack a U.S. airliner, died of injuries sustained during a scuffle with an airline employee and a passenger, according to an autopsy performed Saturday.

The Dade County Medical Examiner's Office examined the body of Raefel Fredesvindo Pellerano Albantosa to determine why the man died a few minutes after he was overpowered Friday by two men aboard Eastern Airline's flight 17 from New York to Miami.

Authorities reported that Albantosa was subdued after he spread a flammable liquid in the rear of the plane and ignited it. Crew members later tied him up with seatbelts in the jet's rear galley area, according to Eastern spokesman Tom Myers.

The crew then noticed the man was having trouble breathing and gave him oxygen, Myers said. He added that Fred Nuzzolo, the passenger who assisted in subduing Albantosa, then administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while a

physician attempted cardi-pulmonary resuscitation.

Rescue efforts failed an Albantosa was pronounced dead before the plane, an Airbus carrying 145 passengers, landed safely at Miami International Airport.

The autopsy "revealed small bruises indicating compression of the chest and neck which appeared to be related to the events surrounding his apprehension and the ensuing scuffle," said a statement released by assistant Dade County Medical Examiner Dr. Roger Mittleman.

The FBI initially reported that a witness saw the man swallow a small white pill before he died, but the agency later said the report was false. "There was no evidence that he ingested a poison," Mittleman said. "His stomach contained only remnants of a recent meal."

Mittleman said the autopsy revealed no evidence of significant heart disease and termed the cause of death, "traumatic compression of chest and neck. The manner of death is accident."

Soviets seek asylum in W. Germany

FUERTH, West Germany, April 12 (Agencies) — Soviet conductor Maxim Shostakovich, son of the late composer Dmitri Shostakovich, has asked for political asylum in West Germany, police in this Bavarian town said Sunday. They said Shostakovich, 42, asked for asylum with his 19-year-old son Dmitri after a concert given last night in Fuerth by the Soviet Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Police said both Shostakovich and his son were now under the protection of West German authorities but they did not say where the two were staying. The conductor's father, one of the foremost figures in modern music, died in Moscow six years ago after a career which saw him criticized as well as praised by the Soviet authorities. Some of his works were officially branded as bourgeois but such compositions as the seventh symphony, inspired by the siege of Leningrad during World War II, won great official acclaim.

In 1979, Maxim Shostakovich criticized a book published in the West as the memoirs of his father. The book, entitled *Testimony*, portrayed the composer as deeply cynical about the Soviet state. Maxim Shostakovich said the book had been compiled largely from rumor and second hand accounts.

Brezhnev to visit Bonn

MOSCOW, April 12 (Agencies) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev will visit West Germany later this year, the official news agency Tass has announced. The announcement followed earlier confirmation from Bonn that the Soviet Leader would probably there in the course of this year. Tass said exact date for the visit would be agreed later.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told Parliament Thursday he welcomed Brezhnev's visit to Bonn, in return for a working visit he paid to Moscow last summer. Tass said Saturday Brezhnev would visit West Germany "in accordance with an understanding that has been reached" but did not say whether the visit would be an official one in capacity as head of state.

When Schmidt came to Moscow last year, a trip was billed by the West German side as an unofficial working visit but the Soviet side gave him full protocol and treated the trip as if it were an official one.

When West German Foreign Minister



Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev

Hans-Dietrich Genscher visited Moscow earlier this month, Brezhnev reportedly told him he was looking forward to a third trip to West Germany.

BRIEFS

ATHENS, (R) — A cloud of pollution enveloped Athens and Piraeus Sunday for the fourth successive day and press reports said many people were admitted to hospital suffering from its effects. The ministry of social services said the poisonous cloud resulted from a sudden change of temperature that caused smog in the atmosphere to become trapped.

NEW YORK, (R) — New York Governor Hugh Carey and Evangeline Gouletas, a Chicago millionaire, were married here Saturday. Politicians, show business stars and industrialists attended the wedding on the governor's 62nd birthday.

TOKYO, (AP) — Five Soviet naval ships were seen cruising northward in the East China Sea some 250 kms southwest of Naha, the capital of Okinawa, Sunday, a defense agency spokesman said. The ships were believed to be proceeding toward the Soviet naval port of Vladivostok or Vietnamese ports, agency sources said.

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — Twenty-four Guatemalan peasants were killed Saturday by unidentified uniformed gunmen who dragged them from their homes and slit their throats, police said. The mass killing took place at Chimaltenango, some 80 kms west of Guatemala City.

U.S. stand on pact attacked

MOSCOW, April 12 (AP) — The Soviet Union denounced the United States for failing to sign new agreements barring inhumane weapons and establishing a new world law of the sea. The official Soviet news agency Tass accused Washington of an "imperial, slanting attitude to the international community."

Representatives of 35 countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the weapons agreement Friday at the United Nations. It is aimed at banning the use of conventional

Inhumane weapons ban

weapons likely to cause unnecessary harm to civilians. A U.S. spokesman in New York said the United States did not sign because the Reagan administration is reviewing the American position on the document.

"The unburiedness of the Washington administration on the issue of signing the convention fully accords with the militarist course of the White House, which is fervently whipping up the arms race," Tass commentator Vladimir Matysh wrote.

Uruguay detains opposition editor

Police arrested Hierro Friday after he refused to say who gave him the document. He was charged with "covering up the theft of an official document on moral or ideological grounds." Defense attorney Ofelia Grezzi argued that a 1969 judicial precedent protected Uruguayan journalists from revealing their sources. But the judge assigned to the case declined to rule on his freedom until after a court holiday that ends April 20. The arrest was the first government action against the weekly since its founding last October.

Albanian press attacks draw Belgrade warning

BELGRADE, April 12 (AP) — A Yugoslav radio commentator has warned that recent Albanian press attacks on Yugoslavia could endanger relations between Yugoslavia and its neighbor. The commentator referred to criticism of Yugoslavia in *Zeri i Popullit*, the major newspaper of Albania, in connection with ethnic Albanian riots which left several persons dead in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province over the past month. The province borders Albania.

"If the present behavior of Albania toward Yugoslavia does not change, and all points to the conclusion that it will not, there can be repercussions which would bring into question all that has been achieved with great efforts in Yugoslav-Albanian relations in the past years," the commentary stated.

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Malaysia keeps ban on Tamil Malar daily

KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (AP) — The Malaysian government has decided not to allow the Tamil daily *Tamil Malar* to resume publication, deputy minister of home affairs, Saunai Junid, said Sunday. He said the government had considered the appeal by the owners of the newspaper but decided against them.


The daily was ordered to cease publication in November 1980 after it published an article which, the government said, insulted the Islamic religion. He said the government made its decision after giving serious thought to the implications of the article.

However, he said that the government would consider any applications to start a new Tamil daily. All publications in Malaysia are licensed by the government and the license can be revoked at any time.

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Cut in crude prices coming, analysts say

PARIS, April 12 (AFP) — Observers of the oil industry now say that some fairly large-scale reductions in crude oil prices in the near future are possible — although they are not willing to bet their bottom dollar on such a development.

The possibility of some actual price cuts in being mooted in the wake of actions by Mexico, Malaysia and Ecuador in the last few days U.N. talks on sea law continue up to April 24

UNITED NATIONS, April 12 (AP) — The U.N. conference on the law of the sea agreed Friday to keep its current session going until April 24, but to finish the main work of the session by April 16, leaving the remaining days for the sole use of the drafting committee.

The session, which started March 9, had been scheduled to end either April 7 or 24, with the choice to be made by the conference itself. The conference has been working for seven years on a general sea-law treaty.

to reduce their prices for crude, the first time this has happened during the present period of actual surplus on the world oil market.

Some other countries have cut or abolished premiums on their oil, or some qualities of it, during the last few weeks, but as far as is known the moves by the three named countries are the first actual price reductions. Malaysia reduced its price by 50 U.S. cents as of Feb. 1 due to oversupply, a deputy minister said, while Ecuador lowered its Orient crude by \$1.67 a barrel. Mexico previously reduced its Maya heavy crude by \$2.50 a barrel.

There have been numerous reports of some OPEC-exporting countries having difficulties in moving all the oil they want to sell under present surplus market conditions, and it has been reported that Saudi Arabia has several cargoes of light crude that it has been unable to sell on the spot market — despite the fact that its rate is the lowest among OPEC states. Libya is also reportedly among the countries experiencing difficulty in marketing all its oil.

Canada to study impact of aid on poor states

OTTAWA, April 12 (AP) — An Ottawa research group plans to find out if Canadians are really helping fight poverty in the developing countries with hundreds of millions of dollars in aid, investment and trade every year.

The North-South Institute, a non-profit, independent organization specializing in the economic problems of poor countries, said in a statement Friday it has picked four countries — Bangladesh, Tanzania, Cameroon and Haiti — for exhaustive studies.

The institute will look at Canadian investment, aid and trade and see what impact they have had on these countries, the statement said. The studies will be completed sometime in 1982 after researchers visit these countries and make an on-the-spot evaluation.

The organization also will release later this year reports on four other countries — Pakistan, Ghana, Senegal, and Jamaica — based on documentary evidence already available in Canada.

It is the first such comprehensive and independent study of Canadian aid since 1970, the institute said.

Development and technology

Multinationals aid third world, says study

WASHINGTON, April 12 — The transfer of technology — which "is often fully packaged in the collection of resources and services associated with foreign direct investment" — is the "heart of the economic development process," according to a new report by the Committee for Economic Development (CED).

The report, entitled "Transnational Corporations and Developing Countries: New Policies for a Changing World Economy," was released in Washington April 5. The CED is an independent research and educational organization of 200 business executives and educators.

Following are excerpts from the report: The heart of the economic development process is the absorption and application of technology in its broadest sense — that is, knowledge of how to carry on useful activities. The acquisition of technology is probably a more important element of the development process than the accumulation of capital. Indeed,

the two are closely related since investment in capital equipment is an important vehicle through which new technology is introduced into an economy.

Although some rapidly growing third world countries are beginning to generate their own technology, the developing world remains overwhelmingly dependent on the industrial countries for most of its technology. The transfer of technology is often fully packaged in the collection of resources and services associated with foreign direct investment.

Developing countries express three major concerns about the process of technology transfer — the appropriateness of the technology to the conditions prevailing in the third world, the cost of the technology and the conditions attached to its transfer, and the extent to which an independent technological capability in the developing countries is encouraged through support for local research and development as well as for training activities.

The choice of technology can affect the nature and direction of development. Therefore, host countries have legitimate concern for the appropriateness of products and the production processes.

Products: With respect to products, the concern is that they may be too sophisticated, too highly designed, and too elaborately packaged to meet the needs of most of the people in poor countries.

Outside the consumer goods field, however, product modifications tend to be minor. Pharmaceutical companies for example, assert that they have little flexibility because drugs are the result of expensive research and require high and uniform standards of quality for their effectiveness.

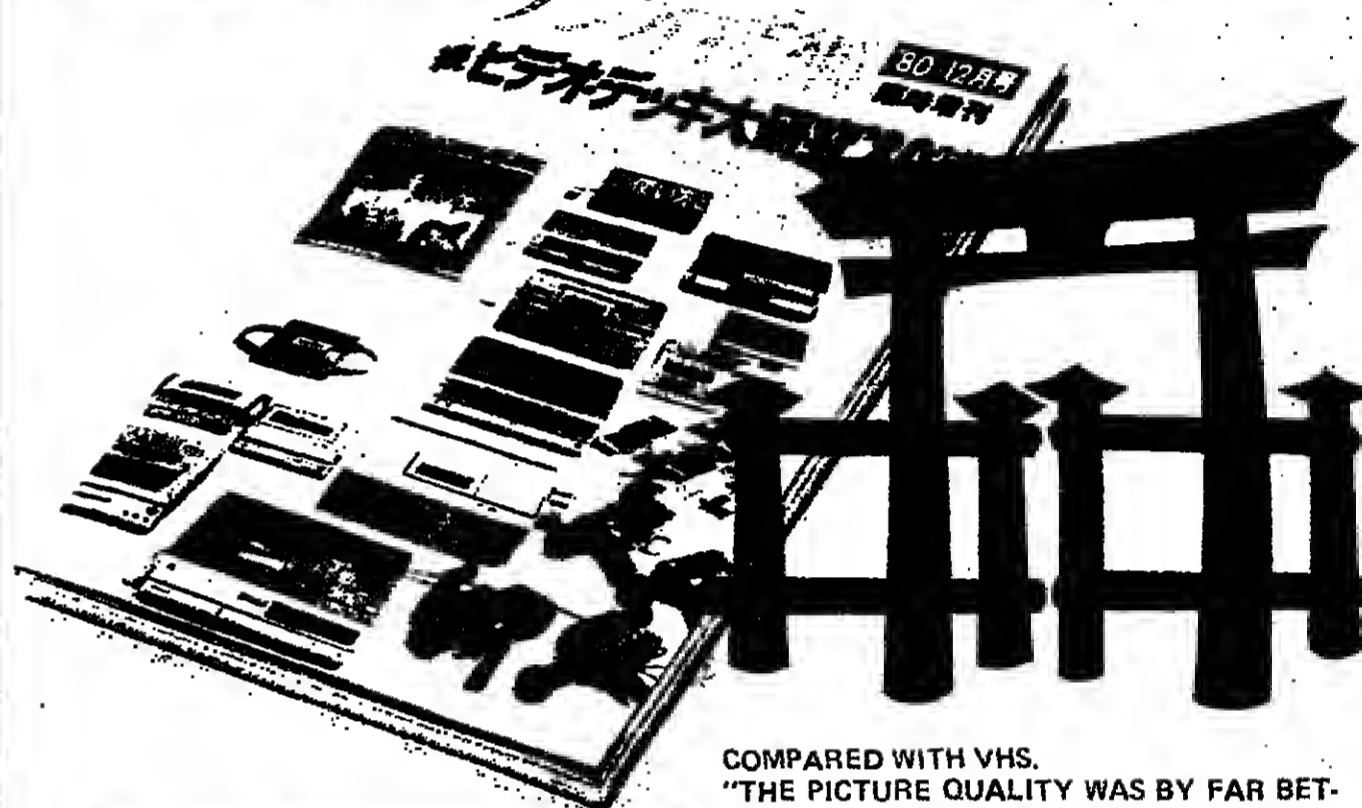
Processes: Even more important than the appropriateness of products is the question of whether the technology embodied in production processes is compatible with the stage of development, market size, and resources of the host country. In particular, is it too capital-intensive in relation to the abundance of cheap labor in developing countries? If so, the technology could intensify the underemployment problem, aggravate inequalities of income, and worsen the balance of payments by inducing excessive importation of capital equipment.

Both transnationals and host countries can take measures that could contribute to the adoption of more appropriate technologies. We would encourage companies to establish regular procedures for considering process adaptations before technology is actually transferred.

Price: The pricing of technology is one of the most controversial aspects of the relations between transnational firms and developing countries. The basis of the conflict is a fundamental difference in perception. An extreme third world view is that technology is part of the common heritage of mankind and that, therefore like any other form of knowledge that lies in the public domain, it should not command a price. A less extreme view is that the cost of private research and development should be largely recovered in the industrial countries and that the developing countries' more limited capacity to pay entitles them to a lower price than that charged to other purchasers.

Transnationals recover their research and development cost in a variety of ways. One method is to charge royalties and fees for the sale of technology to local entities through licensing arrangements without any equity participation by the foreign company. This method is preferred by some developing countries as a way of minimizing foreign control over domestic economic activity.

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Japan wins 26 million Algerian contract

JEDDAH, April 12 (AFP) — A Japanese consortium headed by the Marusmi firm has won a contract worth 120 million dinars (\$26 million) to equip five power stations in Algeria.

The contract with the Algerian National Electricity and Gas Company involves the supply and assembly of the power plants in Algeria before 1983. They will have an output of 7,000 kilowatts.

The deal comes a few days after an exploratory trip by a large delegation of Japanese bankers and industrialists who met Algerian ministers holding economic possibilities.

S. group opposes ibing foreigners

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) — Affiliates of U.S. companies abroad should refrain from bribing officials or yielding to extortion to get the local customs, a prominent business group said Wednesday.

The committee for economic development of 200 trustees, most of them heads of firms, and is supported by private companies.

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100 Yen (1,000)	66.00	67.50	66.00
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TRAFFIC JAM: Traffic jammed via del Teatro in Downtown Rome last week as a result of a 24-hour nationwide strike of public transportation workers. (AP wirephoto)

NATO says Russia faces oil deficit

BRUSSELS, April 12 (R) — The Soviet Union, the world's biggest oil producer, will face increasing stress in its energy system in the 1980s, a NATO meeting on energy in the Communist trading bloc, COMECON, has concluded.

Increases in demand will outpace production growth, exploration, production and transportation costs will rise tremendously and the requirement for advanced technology will multiply, the three-day study session was told Saturday.

Most of the 100 academics, government officials and private representatives taking part believed the East would remain largely self-sufficient in energy in the decade ahead, provided that the Soviet Union developed its massive reserves of oil, gas and coal as planned, a press release said.

Soviet oil production, at 12 million barrels per day (BPD) last year, would be central, but of declining importance. Its growth was expected to slow in the next five years, to reach between 12.4 and 12.9 million BPD by 1985, suggesting an annual increase of 0.6 to 1.4 per cent, compared with 4.2 per cent from 1976 to 1980, experts said.

Meanwhile, a member of a NATO blue ribbon group has Friday said Soviet dependence on high technology to stay self-sufficient in energy has given the West a formidable weapon to influence Soviet behavior.

The weapon could be best used to keep the Soviet Union from intervening in the Middle East, said Rüdiger Dornbusch, an analyst at Friedemann Muller in a paper submitted to a

three-day NATO economics meeting.

Muller said the West could prepare a package that combines an offer to the Soviet Union for more cooperation in exploiting Soviet energy resources with a code of conduct that obliges her not to intervene in the Middle East domestic affairs.

"The West has a relative abundance of what the Soviet Union wants to exploit its reserves, namely capital and technology," Muller said.

He added: "Since the Soviet Union depends more on long-term stability of this cooperation than the West, it can be expected that she would respect agreements about stabilizing behavior in crisis areas if these agreements were linked to the energy cooperation agreement."

Muller's assertion was based on a view by several authorities at the seminar of business, academic and government experts, that the Soviet Union will depend on significant quantities of energy-related materials, equipment and technology from the West.

West's talks on interest rates open

LONDON, April 12 (AFP) — Finance ministers and central bank governors from five leading Western industrialized countries began their talks Sunday centering on high interest rates across the world.

The meeting was planned initially to prepare the meeting of the interim committee of the international monetary fund in Gahon in May, but reliable sources said the officials from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Japan would be preoccupied with interest rates.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, who is making his first official visit to Europe, is expected to defend high interest rates in United States, which his administration sees as the only way of fighting inflation.

France's Economy Minister Rene Monory is expected to try to convince Washington to make a commitment to lower rates. But the U.S. position is likely to receive support from Britain, while France could be backed by Japan.

West German Bundesbank president has spoken in favor of high rates, his government has not made its position clear. A further complication is that West Germany's Finance Minister Hans Ehard cannot attend because of illness. He will be represented by the Secretary of State Horst Schulmann.

The central bank governors have already held consultations ahead of the main talks. Officials are not expected to make a statement after the meeting, which is of a traditionally informal and secretive nature.

Soviet daily praises controlled private units

MOSCOW, April 12 (AFP) — In an article praising the advantages of controlled private enterprise, a Soviet daily said Sunday that the private cultivation of allotment gardens does not threaten the bases of socialism.

In a report aimed at encouraging allotment holders, the paper stressed that they could assist the development of agriculture, improve food supplies and develop the peasants' initiative.

The paper referred to the experience of East European countries to demonstrate the benefits of private enterprise in agriculture and trade, adding that private enterprise could help to make up for shortcomings in the state sector.

Financial Roundup: Riyal maintains strength

JEDDAH, April 12 — With the European exchanges closed on Sunday, the local markets reported little activity. Everybody's eye was turned toward Monday when the European financial markets reopen. Riyal rate continued to remain firm though in light trading and the one-month JIBOR bid-offer rate was quoted at 14 5/8-15 per cent with the one year at 14 1/2-14 3/4 per cent. The corresponding dollar deposit rates quoted at Bahrain were 17-17 1/2 and 15 1/2-15 3/4 per cent, showing that there existed quite an opportunity for arbitrating between riyal and dollar deposit rates.

The "normal" difference between the two currencies is usually put at 1 1/2 to 2 per cent by dealers, but in times of uncertainty the gap grows wider until local operators feel satisfied that the dollar trend — whether a fall or rise — will be sustained. Thus, Monday will show whether the dollar will continue its recent dramatic rise or the trend will change.

Spot riyal on the exchange continued to be quoted in fairly active trading mostly out of Bahrain. Dealers reported some business being done at 3.3509-15 level, showing some demand for the dollar. On the whole though, the local commercial banks do not report any unusual surge in demand for dollars for commercial transactions or investment reasons. May be the public is also waiting to see if the rise in the dollar will be sustained before acting. Analysis generally agree

though that the dollar's strengthening has been due to two factors — namely political uncertainty in Poland and turn around in dollar interest rates.

Turning to the local scene, it has become apparent to the general public that the local commercial banks are now trying their utmost to maintain their market shares by going into computerized services and providing top-quality banking. This increased competition was brought about by the change in rules which permitted these banks to branch out into areas which were previously the exclusive domain of the big two — Riyadh Bank and the National Commercial Bank. To effect their disadvantage of smaller branching network vis-a-vis the big two, the smaller banks try to compete in areas where they can maintain superiority, namely automation. As shall be seen more and more emphasis being put on automation, firstly between branches of the same bank in one city and later to connect branches of the same bank in all regions of the Kingdom.

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BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — Lin de Koning, the Netherlands minister for development cooperation will meet with top Pakistani officials this week to discuss the possibilities of future economic cooperation, officials said Sunday. Koning arrived at Islamabad Sunday and was met by Ejaz Ahmed Nisik, secretary of the economic affairs division.

LONDON, (AFP) — A group of senior British businessmen will visit South Korea as part of a top-level trade mission from April 27 to May 2, it was learnt here. The 13-man mission, led by Lord Limerick, who is chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, has been arranged to demonstrate Britain's interest in developing trade and industrial co-operation with Korea.

BRUSSELS, (AP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) has decided to send an additional 950 tons of wheat to El Salvador, the EEC commission has said. In addition, it said, the EEC will send 5,100 tons of wheat to help feed the 1.5 million Afghan refugees that have fled to Pakistan since the invasion of their country by the Soviet Union.

BOYD, (AP) — The West German government has granted a 17-million mark (\$7.9 million) credit to Sri Lanka to help increase agricultural output, the ministry for economic cooperation has announced. The ministry said the credit was agreed upon following a series of meetings in Colombo.

TIKYO, (R) — Two Japanese companies, Sumitomo Corporation and Sai Heavy Industries, will share an Iraqi order worth 12 billion yen (\$57 million) for road building machinery, Sumitomo has said.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — The golden crescent, the opium-producing region stretching through Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran, will have an even lower opium crop than last year, United Nations narcotics specialists predicted here.

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Caulkins finishes in blaze of glory

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, April 12 (AP) — Tracy Caulkins set her fourth American short course record in four races and became the biggest winner ever among women swimmers in National competition at the U.S. Indoor Swimming Championships Saturday night.

But the 28-year-old Caulkins, from Nashville, Tennessee, had to share part of the spotlight with Jill Sterkel of Hacienda Heights, California, who tied Caulkins for high points honors at the meet and set an American record in the 100-yard butterfly.

Caulkins set an American record of one minute 1.13 seconds in the 100 breaststroke, surpassing her own mark by .40 and at the same time winning her 31st event at a national meet. Her closest rival was Kim Rhodenbaugh of Cincinnati, 1 1/4 seconds behind.

Aon Curtis, the first woman ever to win a Sullivan award as America's top amateur athlete, won 30 races in a six-year period from 1943-48. Caulkins has won her 31 events in the last five years.

With her latest victory, Caulkins tied the mark of two men swimmers, Johnny Weissmuller from 1922-28 and C.M. Daniels from 1904-11. But she will have to wait until the Long-Course National Championships in Milwaukee next August to break the overall record.

Sterkel was timed in 52.99 seconds for an American record in the 1,200 butterfly, but her margin of victory was a tiny one-hundredth of a second over Mary Meagher of Louisville, Kentucky, who holds two butterfly world records. Sterkel's previous American record was 53.10.

Caulkins and Sterkel finished with the maximum number of 80 points at the meet in Harvard's Blodgett pool, both with four victories.

The men's high point winner was Bill Barrett of Alpharetta, Georgia, with 69 points, including a second place finish in Saturday night's 100 breaststroke behind Dave Lundquist of Jonesboro, Georgia. Barrett had two seconds, a first and a fourth place finish at the meet.

Kim Linehan of Austin, Texas, completed a sweep of the three distance freestyle races with a victory in the grueling 1,650. Linehan was timed in 15:50.23, just a second over her American record, while the second place finisher, 14-year-old Tiffany Cobson of Mission Viejo, California, touched in 15:54.86.



SHADOW-BOXING: WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes during his workouts before the much-awaited bout.

To retain crown Holmes gains verdict

LAS VEGAS, Nevada April 12 (AP) — World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes won a unanimous decision over Canadian heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick Saturday night.

Holmes, now 37-0, won most of the rounds of the 15-rounder in what had to be described as a brawl. Berbick, now 18-2-1, kept pressure on the champion throughout the fight through a series of bullish rushes that on occasion had Holmes off balance.

The fight, Holmes' ninth title defense since he took the crown from Ken Norton on June 9, 1978, drew a near-capacity crowd of about 4,500 people to Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion. The fight was televised nationally on pay television.

Holmes relied almost exclusively on his swift and powerful jab, but on occasion backed it up with a quick right. But Berbick shook off many of the combinations and frequently taunted Holmes, urging him to

move in closer. Holmes, 215 pounds got angry at Berbick after the first round and shoved the 215 1/2-pound Canadian with both gloves. After the bell rang ending the round Berbick went after Holmes, and bumped into referee Mills Lane and sent him sprawling.

Judge Joe Swessel scored the fight 150-135, referee Charlie Minker scored it 146-139 and Judge Lou Tahar scored it 146-140. The Associated Press had it 147-138.

Berbiek's best round was the fifth, which Holmes started with a jab only to have the Canadian challenger rush him and back him into the ropes, where the two traded short punches to the head and upper body.

Although the action was furious through most of the fight, there were no knock-downs and neither fighter was cut. Holmes, 31, was in his first fight since he stopped Muhammad Ali last Oct. 2. Ali did not answer the bell for the 11th round of that bout in a parking lot at Caesars Palace.

Strikers down Drillers

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) — Fort Lauderdale's Teofilo Cubillas scored his fourth goal of the season Saturday night to lead the Strikers to a 2-0 victory over the Edmonton Drillers in the North American Soccer League.

With this goal, Cubillas tops the scorer's list it was his second free-kick goal of the season. Earlier, Gerd Muller had given Fort Lauderdale the lead following a pass from Ray Hudson.

In another match, The Washington Diplomats edged the Montreal Manic 1-0. Malcolm Waldron netted the match winner from a free-kick. Waldron's 24-yarder spun on the wet grass and streaked into the net past diving goalkeeper Boh Rigby.

The victory was the Dips second in three outings while Mootreal were playing their first of the season.

In Tampa, the Atlanta Chiefs scored a 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rodies. David Byrne who got the winners the third goal also did the spade work for the first goal.

The Rowdies opened the scoring when David Mehmet, a 20-year-old transfer from the English Third Division, found the mark with his first shot. The second session saw the Atlanta Chiefs exert pressure and Keith Murphy came out with an equalizer, before Byrne angled a 15-yarder for the match winner.

Chicago's Arno Steffenhagen sprinted around the Tulsa defense for the equalizer with nine seconds left in regulation, then Steve Long gave the Sting a 3-2 win over Tulsa in overtime.

Tulsa appeared en route to its third victory with a pair of easy first-half goals, but

Chicago retaliated with its three tallies in the last 11 minutes of the contest.

Barry Wallace hooted a looping, 25-yard over Sting goalie Phil Parkes. Billy Caskey's header from 15 yards out gave the Roughnecks a 2-0 advantage at intermission.

Sting forward Karl-Heinz Granitz scored Chicago's first goal. Tulsa players appeared confident of a win in their home opener, before a crowd of 26,181, and gave Steffenhagen the left side of the field as the final seconds ticked away. Steffenhagen shot into the right corner of the net.

Australian tops

MILAN, Italy April 12 (AP) — Australia's Robert de Castella sprinted ahead in the final kilometer (half mile) to beat two Ethiopians in the Stramilano Long-Distance Race Sunday.

De Castella completed the 22-kilometer classic through the streets of this northern Italian business center in 1 hour 4 minutes 52 seconds.

The Australian was challenged throughout the race by Kehebe Balcha and Mohammed Kedir of Ethiopia. Balcha arrived second, one minute behind the winner. Kedir was third, 1 minute 23 seconds behind de Castella.

BRIEFS

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) — Macondo, the highest-rated in the 1981 World Cup Champion Polo Tournament, was upset in Saturday's opening game 9-6 by Rolex-Abercrombie and Kent, the lowest-rated squad in the tournament.

LONDON, (AFP) — Only Swift, the Swansea wing, collected four tries and full-back Nick Stringer produced an almost impeccable kicking display as England crushed the Netherlands 51-3 in a Rugby Union under-23 International at Leicester Saturday. Stringer kicked ten of his 11 shots at goal his only miss was from 60 yards converting all seven tries.

BUENOS AIRES, (R) — Motor sport's governing body slapped a \$100,000 fine on Lotus boss Colin Chapman Saturday International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) president Jean-Marie Balestre said the fine was imposed for "discrediting the World Championship."

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Nelson Piquet of Brazil won the pole position Saturday for the Argentine Grand Prix Auto Race after none of the 28 other drivers could better his Brabham's one-lap speed record set the day before.

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — The Soviet Union inflicted a crushing defeat on the Netherlands rousing them 10-1 in the opening match of the World Ice Hockey Championships Group "A" here Sunday.

ROUBAIN, France, (AFP) — France's Bernard Hinault won the Paris-Roubaix Cycling Race which finished here Sunday.

PRETORIA, (AFP) — Canadian Swimming star Gail Amundrud smashed the five-year-old South African 100 meters women's freestyle swimming record at the Speedo International Invitation Gala in Pretoria on Saturday.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina (AP) — Third-seeded Pan Shriver moved easily past Joanne Russell on Saturday, 6-3, 6-2, in the semifinals of the Family Circle Cup Women's Tennis Tournament.

Banks betters own record

SAN JOSE, California, April 12 (AP) — Willy Banks took advantage of a drop in wind velocity and broke his own American record in the triple jump, going 56 feet, 9 1/2 inches (17.3 meters) twice at the Bruce Jenner Classic Saturday.

Banks, the 25-year-old UCLA Law School student, bettered by almost two inches (about 5 cms) the record of 56-7 1/2 (17.25 meters) he established five weeks ago in a meet at Los Angeles. He was over 55 feet (16.8 meters) on all six of his attempts in a sensational series

at Saturday's Track and Field Meet at San Jose City College.

But midway through the event, it appeared an official record would be impossible because of a strong wind at the jump. Banks went 56-8 1/2 (17.27) on his third jump and former University of California star Mike Marlowe cleared 56-4 (17.1) but both marks were wind-aided.

"The wind just kept swirling. They had ribbon tied to something and it was always flapping in the wind," said Banks.

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Masters Golf

Nicklaus concedes lead to Tom Watson

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 12 (R) — Tom Watson overhauled Jack Nicklaus today to lead the Masters Golf Championship with a seven-under-par total of 209 in a day of dramatic reversals of fortune. Nicklaus, who scored a 70, led by one stroke over Watson and two from Australia's Greg Norman. Nicklaus, who set out over the 5-yard course with a four-stroke lead, led to a 75 while Norman played an even-par round.

Vilas makes final

HOUSTON, Texas April 12 (AP) — Seeded Guillermo Vilas employed a left-handed backhand to break the stinging serve of Argentina's Victor Pecci and breezed to a 6-3 victory Saturday in semifinal play at the \$175,000 Houston National Tennis Championship.

came to grief at the 155-yard 12th where his tee shot splashed into the water.

Nicklaus let his club slip down his back to the ground in dismay, then played a second ball over the creek to the green and three-putted for a double-double-bogey five.

At almost the same instant Watson smacked a three-iron shot onto the green at the 465-yard 13th, and the crowd roared as the ball came to rest four feet from the hole.

Watson pushed his eagle putt past the hole, but his birdie meant that three strokes had changed hands and he was now in the lead. He used his momentum to birdie the next two holes and quickly open up a four stroke lead as Nicklaus faltered again at the 13th, bogeying the hole after once more finding the water.

But then came another three-stroke swing this time in Nicklaus' favor. He pulled himself back together with a birdie at the 15th, and he gained another at the 16th as Watson, ahead of him on the 17th green, three-putted from eight feet for a double-bogey.

Nicklaus came to the 18th needing just a par to finish in a share of the lead, only to miss the green with his approach, then fail with a five-foot putt.

"My short putting and my touch was not very good today," said Watson, the British Open champion who won the Masters in 1977.

Nicklaus, the current U.S. Open and PGA champion who has won five Masters, remarked that he played "not that bad a round except for committing the cardinal sin at those two holes putting the ball into the water."



BULGING PURSE: World No. 1 tennis player, Bjorn Borg, who on Saturday signed a \$5 million promotion contract with the Japanese video firm Japan Victor Company.

FIFA bows to NASL

NEW YORK, April 12 (AFP) — The International Football Federation (FIFA) has reversed a decision barring the North American Soccer League (NASL) from changing the offside and player substitution rules.

In a letter from FIFA president Joao Havelange, NASL was told it could go ahead with the rule changes, but only until the end of the current season when the matter would be reviewed.

The North American League wants to limit an offside area 35 yards (32 meters) from the goalposts instead of the halfway line as international rules stipulate.

Copelands wrest title

By Geof Gardner
Al-Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, April 12 — An exciting mixed doubles battle in the First Flight finals ended the 1981 Kbohar Invitational Tennis Tournament at the University of Petroleum and Minerals Friday with Ted and Cynthia Copeland beating Neil and Mary Perkins.

Ted Copeland's powerful and accurate overheads and court quickness provided the thin margin of victory, while wife Cynthia was a bit more steady than her female counterpart. But the husband-wife Perkins team, fresh from an upset win over last year's winners, Fine and Mehlenbeck, by a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 score, made it close.

After the fifth game all serves were held until the Copelands broke Neil Perkins in the

Greenidge, Haynes in big stand

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 12 (AP) — The West Indies contained by steady bowling and outstanding fielding reached 193 for three wicket in reply to England's first innings total of 285 by the end of the second day of the fifth and final cricket Test match here Saturday after fast bowler Michael Holding had scattered the England tailend by taking the last three wickets for two runs.

The West Indies were given the foundation of a sizeable total by an opening partnership of 116 between Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes but two wickets in the space of 20 runs just before tea by fast bowler Graham Dilley provided England with an important breakthrough.

He removed Greenidge for 62 to a second slip catch by skipper Ian Botham and had Vivian Richards the West Indies dangerman and centurymaker in his last two innings for 15 to a leg-side catch by wicketkeeper Paul Downton.

That put the strain on Haynes who had earlier been playing the supporting role and Mattis playing his first Test series and they could not take command.

As off-spinner John Emburey wheeled away over after over hardly bowling a bad ball Mattis scored only two in his first hour at the wicket.

At the close of play Mattis was 14 not out after two hours batting and West Indies captain Clive Lloyd 13. England 278 for six at the start of the day crashed. Holding finished the innings with figures of five for 56 and led the West Indies team off the field.

critical ninth game of the second set allowing them to take the set and match.

From the spectators' viewpoint, however, the high point of the day was the first set tiebreaker. The Perkins had come back from 1-3 to pull even in the twelfth game. The tiebreaker began with some brilliant play by Ted Copeland to give the winners a 1-0 lead on his deep winner from the net. With the score 4-4 on winners and forced errors by both teams, the Perkins then lost the next three points and the set on mistakes.

In the day's other finals, Marshall and Bowelle edged Kogonami and Hussein 7-6, 5-7, 6-2 in Flight Two, the husband-wife team of Durant-Lewis bested Kneuttel and schlageter 6-4, 7-5 in Flight Three and Turnbull and Molak defeated Baylis and Thompson 6-4, 6-2 in Flight Five.

Steve Davis holds advantage

SHEFFIELD, England, April 12 (R) — Alex Higgins, the 1972 champion, recovered from being 6-2 down overnight to draw within two frames of British champion Steve Davis in their World Professional Snooker Championship second round match Saturday. Davis led 9-7 at the close of the session.

the final session.

Kirk Stevens, 22, who became the youngest-ever semi-finalist last year, led Denis Taylor, the Blackburn-based Irish champion, 5-3 at the close of play.

After losing the first two frames, Taylor, who reached the final in 1979, compiled a break of 92 to pull up to 1-2. The Canadian, though, went on to lead 4-2 and maintained his two-frame advantage by making breaks of 61 and 32 in the eighth frame.



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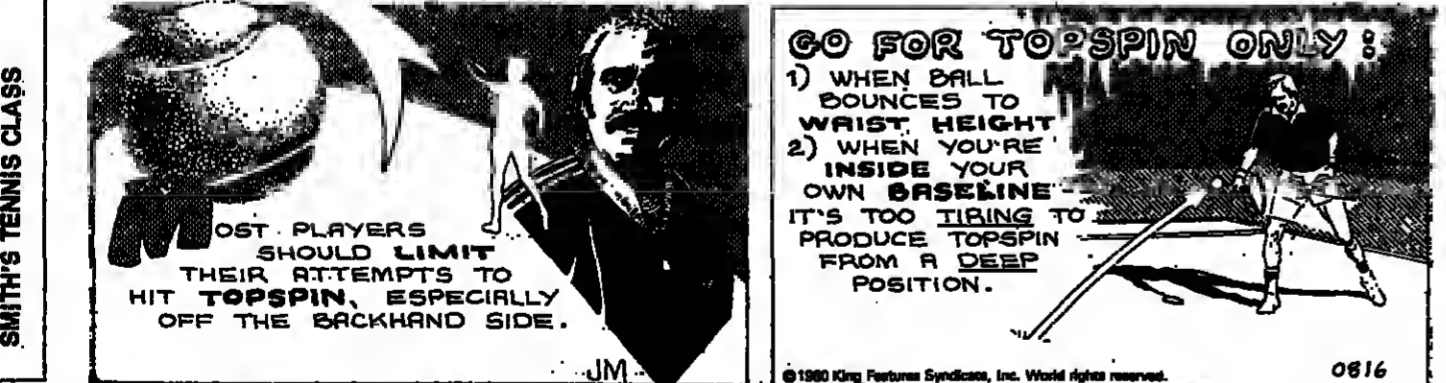
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Solidarity angry

Allies want Poland to assert authority

EAST BERLIN, April 12 (R) — East German leader Erich Honecker has reserved judgment on the Polish crisis in a major policy speech here, indicating East Berlin is waiting to see if the Warsaw government can reassert its authority in the coming weeks. Opening a six-day congress of the East German Communist Party, Honecker said East Berlin continued to support Polish Communists and patriots "who are trying to defend and strengthen socialism in their country."

He did not give an outright vote of confidence in the ability of the Warsaw leadership to overcome the Polish crisis by itself. But neither did he attack the activities of "counter-revolutionaries" in the neighboring state as had been widely predicted.

The party chief's mild but non-committal remarks Saturday echoed a speech by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in Prague last week. Western diplomats here said this indicated the Soviet bloc had decided to avoid putting pressure on Warsaw at a time when it was trying to strengthen its control.

Soviet politburo member Mikhail Suslov made no reference to the Polish crisis when he addressed the East German party Congress Sunday. The Soviet delegate, who spoke for about 20 minutes, devoted himself instead to defending Brezhnev's disarmament program.

Another speaker, Polish politburo member Kazimierz Barcikowski, assured the congress that the Polish Communist Party will bring Poland out of its present crisis. He said the Polish leadership understood its Warsaw Pact allies' "concern" about his country's "complicated and difficult problems."

He thanked those allies for their "trust," adding that the Polish leaders were convinced they could count on allied "aid and solidar-

ity." The Polish party "is and remains the state's governing force," he added.

In Warsaw, the Polish free trade union Solidarity Saturday considered a two-month ban on strikes ordered by the Sejm (Parliament) with suspicion, anger and defiance. The two-month ban Friday night throws Solidarity on the defensive for the first time since Solidarity's formation last summer challenged the way Communist Poland was run.

Solidarity said no law in the land would prevent it from striking to defend itself and last summer's democratic gains. But the union, whose moderate leaders have sought a halt to unauthorized strikes in Poland for months, did not openly challenge the government move.

Solidarity's response indicated no strikes, provided there was no crackdown on or repetition of the alleged police beating of activists which led to the latest crisis. The ban, which marked the first major countermove by authorities in more than nine months of almost uninterrupted crisis, did not spell out government action if defied.

Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski, who had threatened to quit unless parliament accepted his proposals, reminded the Sejm during his speech he was also defense minister. The Sejm resolution had a call for the safeguarding of all defense-related industries and communications — "those fields which are of special significance for the country's defense and obligations resulting from our alliances."

The Sejm resolution also reaffirmed commitment to agreements which gave birth to Solidarity. "The Sejm stresses the significance of the trade union movement in our country as spokesman and defender of the interests and rights of the working people," the resolution said.

Talks on Namibia

Crocker arrives in Salisbury

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, April 12 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's adviser on Africa arrived here Sunday on the fourth leg of a 10-nation tour of the continent to formulate a new U.S. policy balancing interests in black Africa and white-ruled South Africa.

Chester Crocker, nominated as assistant secretary of state for African affairs, told reporters at Salisbury airport on his arrival from Zambia that "there is no question of a tilt on endorsement of apartheid" by the Reagan administration. Crocker, who has also visited Kenya and Tanzania, said the aim of his trip is to "explore the trends of the Namibia question" and to formulate a new

American policy on southern Africa. Crocker said the Reagan administration had not yet decided whether to assist forces of the anti-government UNITA organization in Angola, who reportedly have South African support in their fight against the government in Luanda. The White House has asked Congress to amend a law prohibiting such assistance.

The U.S. diplomat's talks with President Julius Nyerere and Foreign Minister Salim Salim on Namibia were termed "serious and constructive". Crocker's meeting next with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda was "cordial", a Zambian spokesman said.



VIOLENCE: Brick and bottle-throwing youths, including some whites, are seen attacking a police vehicle during the clashes between police and black youths Saturday afternoon in Bristol, South London. Looting also broke out in several streets during the violence.

On Afghan crisis

U.N. envoy meets Shahi

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, April 12: The special U.N. representative on Afghanistan began talks with Foreign Minister Agha Shahi and top Pakistani officials here Sunday to break the ground for a political settlement of the crisis as desired by the world body in a resolution last November. Shahi returned from Geneva Sunday where he held discussions with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim on the issue.

Perez de Queller, assistant secretary-general for political affairs, is scheduled to fly to Kabul Wednesday to know the response of the Soviet puppet regime of Babrak Karmal, which has restrained from criticizing the U.N. initiative in the last couple of days. Diplomatic quarters were reluctant in comment on the Queller mission specially after the arrival of the Soviet reinforcements and the tension which developed between the two countries over the hijacking of a Pakistani airliner.

Meanwhile, an Afghan tank commander who sought asylum in Pakistan Saturday after riding his T-54 Russian tank across the border into Baluchistan province told the authorities that Russian troops had taken positions near the Pakistan border in Spin Boldak in Kandahar area. Cavalry sergeant Nazir Muhammad, who dodged past check-

point saying he was testing his overhauled engine said the Afghan troops in the area had been dislodged and replaced by Soviet troops after the latest maneuvers in Kabul and other provincial capitals. The tank crew had been taken into custody but there was no official word about the fate of the Russian tank.

The mission of Queller is to persuade Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan to sit round a negotiating table, but disagreement has already arisen about his own part in the process, according to diplomatic sources. The Islamabad government wants the U.N. envoy to play an active role in any three-way talks with "the party in Kabul". Neither Pakistan nor Iran recognizes the Karmal regime.

Afghanistan wants Queller to act only as an intermediary in separate talks. Iran has constantly refused any idea of talks with Kabul, leading to a deadlock as Pakistan will only meet the Kabul government in three-way negotiations including Tehran.

Meanwhile, eight former Pakistani political prisoners, freed last month in exchange for the lives of more than 100 hostages on a hijacked airliner, have asked for political asylum in Britain, a Foreign Office spokesman said in London Sunday. Fifty-four prisoners were released from Pakistani jails and transported to Syria to meet the hijackers' demands. The eight seeking asylum have applied to the British Embassy in Syria, the spokesman said.

Japan seeks damages for loss of ship

TOKYO, April 12 (R) — Japan will seek an early explanation for last week's collision between a U.S. nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine and a Japanese freighter to head off a possible row between Tokyo and Washington, Foreign Ministry sources said Sunday. An explanation will be sought before talks between President Ronald Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki early in May, in which Japan is expected to be asked to increase defense spending, the sources said.

Opposition parties will question the government Monday in Parliament about the sinking of the 2,350-ton Japanese freighter *Nissho Maru* after it collided with the U.S. nuclear-powered submarine *George Easton* Wednesday.

33 die in bus accident

MANILA, April 12 (AFP) — Thirty-three persons were killed and at least 18 seriously injured Saturday in one of the Philippines' worst accidents when an inter-provincial bus slammed into a bridge railing in Bacnotan town, 256 kms north of Manila. The bus was a total wreck.

Highway police are still working to identify the victims. The bus driver died on the spot.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khassab

A few weeks ago I read in a Kuwaiti paper that a new threat to the country is emerging, that it is looming ever larger, and that drastic steps will have to be taken to meet it.

Before you groan, "Arab politics again," and turn away in bored regret, please consider that it's nothing to do with politics. The rat population of the country is growing ever larger and more aggressive. In fact, so aggressive have they become that one of them recently attacked and eaten (yes, eaten: tail and all) a peaceable cat going about its lawful pursuits.

Talk about a "man bites dog" story being the stuff of journalism. But the crisis of the hour saw arising to meet it the man of the hour: the chairman of the Supreme Rodent Extermination Committee, who declared sternly that the offending rodent was arrested and shot immediately after the attack. "No time," he told the quaking journalist, "to play around with fair trials and inquiries into the social pressures which led the rodent astray. This is war." The corpse, he said, will be publicly shown in an exhibition the committee is organizing, as an example to all rodents.

The shocking business brought to mind a rodent I once shared lodgings with in Jeddah. You couldn't ask for a quieter, more modest partner. The only drawback was its fondness for education, and it was that which caused us to part our ways. (I had to leave it in possession of the said rooms).

You see he never really cared for all the cheese, meat or whatever in the house. All he was after were books and papers, which he kept attacking — but never indiscriminately; only the most expensive seemed to arouse his appetite.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

French demonstrators clash with policemen

CHOOZ, Northeast France, April 12 (AFP) — Anti-nuclear demonstrators and police clashed at this town where the government plans expropriating land for the construction of a nuclear power plant.

Following the arrest by police of three activists about to prepare molotov cocktails in nearby woods, several hundred demonstrators first stopped a bicycle race from crossing town and then assembled before the town hall.

A clash ensued in which demonstrators reportedly hurled stones, steel balls, molotov cocktails and acid-filled bottles at the police who lobbed tear gas grenades into the crowd. Later, demonstrators set up road blocks in attempts at preventing police from evacuating registers concerning the expropriation from the town hall as a precautionary measure.

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is available for 250 trucks and 350 automobiles.

Air traffic directing at the new airport will be done from 197-foot (60-meter) high control tower and cab located in between the Saudi and International terminals. Controllers in the tower will have an unobstructed view of the approach to the ends of the primary instrument runway and to all other runways and landing areas.

A computer housed in the base building underneath the tower will be the nerve center for the airport's flight operations. The Jeddah Air Traffic Control Center will also be located there. The airport's L-1011 Hangar, completed in July 1979, will serve as an interim maintenance and overhaul facility for Saudi until the airline's new maintenance base is ready in 1985.

The building's 355,000 square feet (33,000 square meters) enclosed area includes, in addition to the hangar bay, engine repair shops, mobile lounge maintenance shops, vehicle maintenance and specialized shops, offices, classrooms a medical clinic and a cafeteria. With a suspended roof, the hangar bay is large enough to service two Lockheed 1011 wide-body Tristars at one time.

The airport's three runways will interconnect with highspeed taxiways, five aircraft operation aprons, the L-1011 Hangar and the air cargo apron. The main operation aprons will accommodate approximately 44 aircraft ranging from the Boeing 747 to the

Boeing 737.

The aprons will have nine airline operations buildings to handle aircraft line operations and maintenance activities, in addition to facilities for crews and line personnel. Fueling of commercial airliners will be handled by means of an underground hydrant system.

The Food Service Building, located (1.25 kms) south of the L-1011 Hangar, will provide airlines serving Jeddah with food catering (meal, beverages and related services) and a commissary (in-flight sales products and cabin service equipment).

Based on 1985 traffic projections, the facility will provide up to 47,000 meals per week.

Power and water will be supplied to the new airport by means of an extensive, almost totally underground utilities system. The system will provide electrical power supply and distribution; an emergency fire alarm and detection system; communications by telephone, radio and television; sewage collection and treatment; storm water management; portable water supply and distribution; and a chilled-water system for air conditioning. Standby generators will provide power for essential services in the event of a disruption to the regular power supply.

The system's desalination plant is programmed to provide an ultimate capacity of up to 12.3 million gallons (46,500 cubic meters) of water per day. The average daily demand during the Haj period is anticipated to be 5.3 million gallons (20,200 cubic meters) by

1985, increasing to 8.7 million (32,800 cubic meters) by the year 2000.

The sanitary sewage system for the airport conveys domestic and industrial wastewater from airport facilities to a central sewage-treatment plant for processing and reuse as irrigation water. This irrigation system will provide water to some 72,000 trees and more than 2.5 million other plants being planted throughout the new airport in an effort to achieve soil stabilization and to provide landscaping.

King Abdul Aziz International Airport will be served by modern highways, including Medina Road and the Jeddah By-Pass, with an east-west road south of the airport connecting the two. A network of airport interchanges will feed traffic to and from the three highways.

Bus service operated by Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company is planned between downtown Jeddah and the airport with connecting service to Makkah and Medina.



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